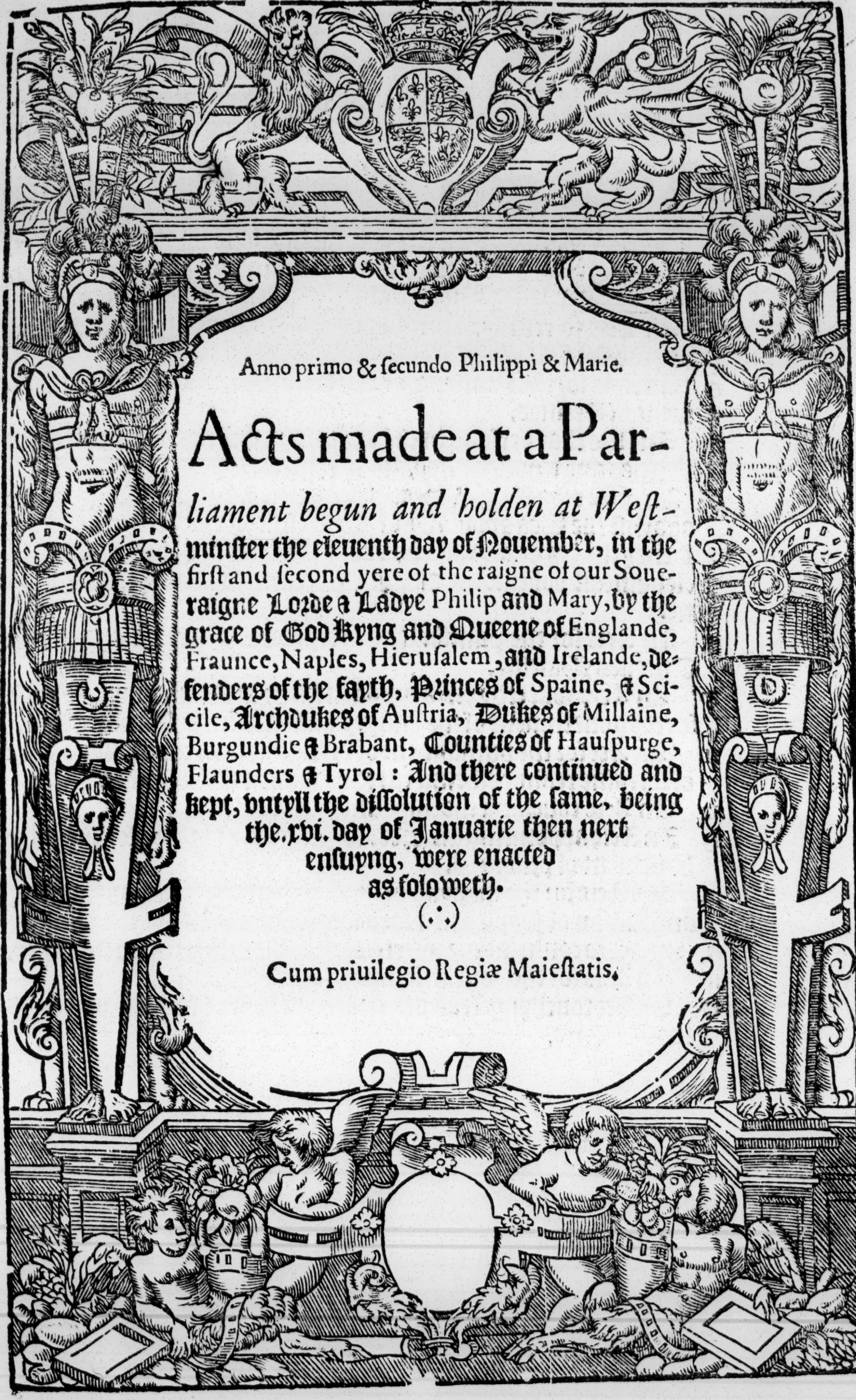


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Acts made at a Par-


liament begun and holden at West-
minster the eleventh day of November, in the
first and second yere of the raigne of our Soue-
raigne Lorde & Ladye Philip and Mary, by the
grace of God King and Queene of Englande,
Fraunce, Naples, Hierusalem, and Irelande, de-
fenders of the fayth, Princes of Spaine, & Sci-
cile, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Millaine,
Burgundie & Brabant, Counties of Hauspurge,
Flandres & Tyrol : And there continued and
kept, vntyll the dissolution of the same, being
the xvi. day of Januarie then next
ensuyng, were enacted
as foloweth.

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Cum priuilegio Regiæ Maiestatis.

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patentes, and other writings to be signed
by the Queenes Maiestie.

The first Chapter.



HERE in the Parliament begun
and holden at Westminster, the se-
conde day of Aprill, in the fyfte yere
of the raigne of our moste dread and
gratious Soueraigne Ladye the
Queenes Maiestie, and there conti-
nued and kept tyll the dissolution of
the same, being the fiftth day of May
then next folowynge, one Acte was
made touching y articles of her high-
nes most noble mariage, in y which
Acte amongst other thinges it was

enacted, ordred, & established by the aucthority of the said parliament,
that al and singuler gistes, grauntes, letters patents, exchanges, con-
firmations, leasses, and other writings, which after y saide mariage,
and during the same, should passe and be made, of any benefices, offi-
ces, landes, reuenues, and frutes, oz of any of them, should be entitu-
led and made in the names of our Soueraigne Lorde the kyng, and
of her most excellent highnes, whether her Maiestie should be present
within the realmes and dominions of her highnes, oz within any of
them, oz absent. And that the same gistes, graunts, letters patents, ex-
changes, confirmations, leasses, & other writings, so set forth & made,
should be sealed, and firmed with the signe manuel of her hyghnesse:
and the same so signed, & sealed with the great seale of this realme, oz
with such seale as hath ben accustomed, shoulde be by aucthoritie of
the said Parliament, demed, adjudged, declared, & pronounced, to be
as good, perfect, and of like force, strength, and effect in the lawe, to al
intentions, constructions and purposes, against our sayd Soueraigne
Lord and Lady, the king & the Queenes Maiesties, and her highnes
heires and successours, as if her Maiestie had been at the time of the
making therof sole & unmarried: and that al gistes, grauntes, letters
patentes, exchanges, confirmations, leasses & other writings, which
after the saide mariage, and during the time of the same, should passe
and be made of the said benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, & frutes,
oz of any of them, wherunto the signe manuel of her highnes should
not be set, made, oz put, shalbe by aucthoritie of the sayd parliament

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from time to time, demed, adiudged, accepted, taken, and decreed, to be of no force ne effect, but utterly frustrate and voyde in the lawe, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, the said mariage, or any lawe, vsage, or custome to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding, as the sayde acte more at large doth appeare.

Since the making of which statute, and the solemnization of the said mariage, & Queenes most excellent maiestie hath ben greatly molested, greued, & troubled with often signyng of letters patentes, giftes, grauntes, eschaunges, leasses, & other wrytinges, concerning and touching benefices, offices, landes, reuenues, and fruites, made and graunted by and from our said soueraigne lord the kyng and her highnes, to sundry of their most louing subiects, to whom also it hath ben, and is, no small charge to attend, but yll such tyme as they may procure and obtaine the signe manuel of her highnes, unto their said letters patentes, giftes, grauntes, eschaunges, confirmations, & leasses, without which signe the same are utterly void by force of the said statute, to the great daunger, losse, and utter vndoing of diuers persons, that haue lately bought, purchased or obtained of our said soueraigne Lord & Lady the king and Queenes maiesties, diuers lands, tenementes, and other hereditamētis, to their great costes & charges.

For remedy whereof, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the saide braunch or article touchyng or concerning only the signing of letters patentes, gifts, graunts, eschanges, confirmations, leasses, or of other wrytinges, for any lands, benefices, offices, reuenues, fruites, or other hereditamentes, shall be from henceforth clerely repelled and made frustrate & void, to all intentes & purposes.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that all and singuler letters patentes, touchyng or concernyng any gyft, graunt, eschaunge, confirmation, lease, or other wrytyng, the whiche sythence the sayd mariage hath passed, and ben made of any benefices, offices, manours, landes, tenementes, reuenues, fruites, liberties or other hereditamentes, or of any of them, in the names of our moste dread Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, the Kyng and the Queenes Maiesties (the warraunt or wrytyng, or warrants or wrytynges wherof beyng signed with her highnes signe manuel, in such forme, order, and degree, as the same heretofore haue ben accustomed to be signed, when her highnes was sole and vnmarried) shall be by auctoritie of this present parliament, of the same like force, strength and effecte in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as yf the same were or had ben signed by her highnes signe manuel, and as if her maiestie had ben at the time of the makynge thereof sole and vnmarried, and as they were before the makynge of the sayde Acte: The sayd estatute, or any braunch, or article therein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

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An Acte for the reformation of excesse in apparell.

The seconde Chapter.



Be it enacted by thauuthoritie of this present parllamēt, that no person borne within this realme, or the dominions of the same, other then the son and heire apparent of a knight, or other then such as may dispende xx. li. by the yere in landes, offices, fees, or other yere-lye reuenues for terme of life, or be woorth in goodes two. C. li. shall after the first day of Aprill next commynge, weare any manner of silke, in, or vpon his hat, bonet, nightcap, gyrdle, scabbarde, hose, shoes, or spurre leathers, vpon payne of thre monethes imprisonment, and forfeiture of .x. li. for euery dayes wearing contrary to the tenor of this acte.

And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that Iustices of Assises in theyr circuits, Iustices of peace in theyr sessions, Sheriffes in theyr turnes, Stewardes in letes and lawe dayes, Maiors, Sheriffes, and Bailiffes of cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate in theyr courtes, shall and may enquire, heare and determine from time to time, all and euery the sayd offences, committed or done within the limittes of theyr seuerall iurisdiccions and auctorities: and where any such forfeitures shall happen to be founde within the precincte of any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, lete or lawe day, then the Maior, Sheriffe, and Bailiffes of the said Citie, Borough, and Townes, and owner of the sayde lete or lawe daye, to haue the one moytie of the sayd forfeitures, and the other moytie to be to any subiecte of this realme that wyl sue for the same, in any courte of record, by action, information, byll, or other wise, in which no wager of law, protection, or essoigne shalbe allowed. And where suche forfeiture shalbe founde out of any citie, borough, towne, lete or lawe day, that the moitie of all such forfeitures shalbe to the king and queenes Maiesties, and the heyres of the Queene, and thother moitie thereof to any of their subiectes that wyl sue for the same, by byll, playnt, action, information, or other wise, in any court of recorde as is aforesayde, in which no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne, shalbe admitted or allowed. And that al and euery such person and persons, as haue auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to heare and determine the pmisses, may vpon the conuiction of euery such offender, awarde proces vnto the Sheriffe of any Shire within this realme, for the apprehension of the sayd offender, which being apprehended, shalbe committed by the Sheriffe vnto the gaole of the sayde Sheriffe, there to remaine without bayle or maynepyse, vntill the sayde offendour hath payde the forfeiture wherein he is so conuicted.

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And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, of what estate, condition, or degree soeuer he or they be, after the sayd first day of Aprill next commynge, knowynge any seruant or seruantes of his or theyrs to offend contrary to this acte, do not put the same out of his or theyr seruice, but shall kepe in his or theyr seruice the same offendour or offendours by the space of. xiiii. dayes next after such knowledge had, or els beyng so put out of his or theyr seruice, shall retayne the same offendour or offendours to his or their seruice againe, within one yere next ensuing the time committing of any such offence, the same person or persons, so keepynge or retynning againe in or to his or theyr seruice, any such servant or seruantes offending contrary to the tenor of this acte, as is aforesayde, shall for euery his or their offence forfeit. C. li. of lawful money of England, the moitie whereof to be to the Kyng and Queenes maiesties vse, and the heires and successours of the Queene, and the other moitie to him that wyl sue for the same in any court of recorde, by action, byll, plaint, information, or otherwise, wherein no wager of lawe, esloigne, or protection shalbe admitted or allowed.

Provided alwaye and be enacted, that this acte or anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any person beyng of or aboue the degree of a knyghtes sonne or daughter, or beyng wyfe to anye of them, nor to such as haueben, be, or shalbe Mayor, Baylliffe, Alderman or head officer in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, or to the wyfe of any of them, nor to any of the kinges or queenes seruantes in ordinarie wages, attendaunt, and wearyng the kinges or Queenes ordinary liveries, but that they and euery of them, may vse and weare, as they or any of them myght lawfully vse and weare before the makynge of this acte.

Provided also, that no person shalbe compelled by this acte, to put away his prentice or hyred seruant before the ende of the terme before agreed betwene them, nor that any maister shal forsayte or lose any payne or forfeiture for the keepynge of his prentice or hyred seruant after his offence, contrary to this act, vnto the ende of the terme before agreed betwene them: any thyng abouesayde to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that women may weare in theyr cappes, hattes, girdles, and hoodes, as they or any of them might vse and weare lawfully before the makynge of this acte.

An Acte agaynst seditious wordes and rumours.

The Thirde Chapter.

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Here it is conteyned aswell in þe Statute of Westm. the first, as in the statute made at Glocester þe second yere of the raigne of king Richarde the second, that no man shoulde be so hardy to contriue, speake, or tel any false newes, lyes, or other such like false thinges of Prelates, Dukes, Earles, Barons, and other nobles and Peeres of this realme, or of the Chauncellour, Treasurer, clarke of the priuie seale, Steward of the kinges household, Justices of the one banche or of thother, or of any of the great officers of this realme, and that euery such offender shoulde be taken and imprisoned vntyll suche tyme as he had brought hym or them forth whiche dyd speake the same. And where also at a parliament holden at Cambridge in the. xii. yere of the raigne of the sayd kyng Richarde, it was also enacted, that where any such offender, as is aforesayde, shoulde be taken and imprisoned, and could not fynde him of whom he heard those newes which he spake, as is aforesayde, then that the same speaker shoulde be punished by the aduise of the counsell, as by the same actes amongst other moze playnely do and may appeare.

Be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that all and euery the sayde former actes and statutes, shalbe and remayne in theyr full force, strength and effecte, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And further that Justices of peace in euery Shyre, Citie, and towne corporate, within the limittes of theyr seueral commissions, shal by aucthoritie of this present act, haue ful power to examine, heare, and determine the causes abouesayde, in the sayde two fyrst actes specified, and to put the sayde two fyrst statutes, and euery braunche in them conteyned, in due execution, that from henceforth condigne punishment be not deferred from such offenders.

And forasmuche as diuers and sundry malicious and euyl disposed persons, maliciously, seditiously, rebelliously, and vnnaturally, contrary to the duetie of theyr fidelities and allegiaunces, haue now of late not onely imagined, inuented, practised, spoken and spread abroad diuers and sundry false, seditious, and slanderous newes, rumors, sayinges, and tales, agaynst our moste dread Soueraigne Lorde and king, and agaynst our moste naturall Soueraigne Ladye and queene, and agaynst eyther of them, of whom we are forbidden to thinke euyl, and much moze to speake euyl, whiche offence soundeth and is as wel to the great dishonour, reproche and slander of their most excellent maiesties, as also to the great slander of this their realme, and other their dominions, but also haue deuised, made, written, printed, published, and set forth diuers heynous, seditious, and slanderous wrytynge, rymes, ballades, letters, papers, and bookes, intending and practising therby to moue and styre seditious disorde, discention, and rebellious within this realme, to the greate

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perill and daunger of the same. For auoyding whereof, be it enacted by thauthozitie of this present parliament, that yf any person or persons, after the .xx. day of February next ensuyng, and after open proclamation made of this act, shall maliciously, of his or theyr imagination, speake any false, seditious, and slanderous newes, rumours, saynges, or tales of our said soueraigne lord and king, or of our sayde most naturall soueraigne lady and queene, that then all and euery suche person and persons so offendyng, beyng therof conuicted or attainted, in forme hereafter in this acte expressed, shall for euery fyyst offence, in some market place within the shyre, citie, or borough, where or neere vnto the place where the sayde wordes were or shalbe so spoken, be set openly vpon the pillory, by the Sheriffe or his ministers, if it shall fortune to be without any citie or towne corporate. And yf it happen to be within such citie or towne corporate, then by the principall officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his or theyr ministers, and there to haue both his eares cutte of, vnlesse he paye one hundred poundes to the king and queenes highnesse vse, within one moneth next after iudgement geuen of his sayde offence, and also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of thre monethes after such his or theyr execution.

And it is lyke wyse enacted by thauthozitie aforesaide, that all and euery person and persons, which after the sayde day, and after proclamation made of this acte, shall maliciously speake any false, seditious and slanderous newes, rumours, or tales, to the slander and reproche of our sayde Soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, or of our sayde most naturall Soueraigne Lady the Queene, of the speakyng or reportyng of any other, that then all and euery suche person or persons so speakyng and reportyng, beyng thereof conuict or attainted, in forme hereafter in this acte expressed, shall for euery such offence in some market place, within the shyre, citie, borough, or towne, where or neere vnto the place where the sayde wordes were or shalbe so spoken and reported, be set openly vpon the pillorie by the Sheriffe or his ministers, if it shall fortune to be without any citie or towne corporate: and yf it shall happen to be within any citie or towne corporate, then by the principal officer or officers of such citie or towne corporate, or his or theyr ministers, and there to haue one of his eares cut of, vnlesse he paye one .C. markes to the kinge and queenes highnesse vse, within one moneth next after iudgment geuen of his saide offence, and also shall suffer imprisonment by the space of one moneth after his or theyr execution.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye person or persons shall after the sayde daye, and after proclamation made as is aforesayd, maliciously deuise, write, print, or set forth anye maner of booke, ryme, ballade, letter, or wrytyng, conteynyng any
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faſſe matter, claue or ſentence of ſlaunder, or reproch, and diſhonour of the king and queenes maiesties, or of either of them, or to the encouraging, ſturring or mouyng of any inſurrection or rebellion within this realme, or any dominions belongyng to the ſame. Or whoſoeuer ſhall malitiouſly procure any ſuch booke, ryme, ballade, letter, or wyttyng, wytten, printed, or ſet forth (and the ſayde offence not being puniſhable by the Statute made in ꝑ. xxi. yere of the raigne of king Edwarde ꝑ third, concerning treaſons, or declaration of treaſon) that then and in euery ſuch caſe, the offender and offenders therein, after his or their conuiction or attaynder, ſhal for his or their fyrſt offence, in ſome market place within ꝑ ſhyre, citie, or borough, where the ſayde offence is or ſhalbe committed or done, by the ſheriffe or his miniſters, if it ſhall fortune to be without any citie or towne corporate, and if within ſuche citie or towne corporate, then by the principall officer or officers of ſuche citie or towne corporate, or by his or their miniſters, haue his or their right hande ſtricken of.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that yf any perſon or perſons, being once lawfully conuicted of any of the offences aforeſayde, nowe prouided to be puniſhed by the execution of loſſes of eare, eares, or hande, as is aforeſayd, do after wardes eftſones offende in any of the offences aforeſayde, that then he or they ſo offendyng, ſhall ſuffer impriſonment during his or their liues, without bayle or mainepriſe, and forfeite and loſe to the king and queenes maiesties all his or theyr goodes and cattels.

And be it alſo enacted by aucthoritie aforeſayd, that all Juſtices of oyer and determiner, within the limits of their commiſſion, Juſtices of aſſiſe in their ſeueral circuytes, Juſtices of gaole deliuerie, and Juſtices of peace, aſwel within the liberties as without, within the limits of their ſeueral commiſſions, in theyr general ſeſſions, or other ſeſſions, which they, or two of them, wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, may and ſhall appoynt at their pleaſure, where and when nede ſhal require, ſhal by vertue hereof, haue ful power and aucthoritie to enquire, heare and determine, al and euery the offences aforeſaid, as in caſes and trial of fellonpe. And that the party indicted and arraigned, ſhall haue aduauntage of al maner of chalenges to the Jury (peremptory challenge onely except) as in tryall of fellonpe.

And alſo that euery Juſtice of peace within the limits of his commiſſion, ſhal haue ful power and aucthoritie to commit any perſon, being behemently ſuſpected of any of the ſaid offences, to ward, there to remayne without bayle or mainepriſe, vntyll he ſhalbe deliuered accordyng to this acte.

Prrouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that no maner of perſon or perſons ſhalbe moleſted, or impeached for any of the offences, concerning ſpeakyng or reportyng as is aforeſaid,
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ynlesse he or they be thereof accused and conuicted within thre monethes next after his or their offence so committed or done.

And in case any person shalbe imprisoned for any of the saide offences concerning speaking or reporting and not thereof conuict within thre monethes next after the offence supposed to be by hym done and committed, that then the person so imprisoned, shalbe set at libertie, and no longer deteyned in prison.

Provided also, & be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that euery suche Maior, Maiors, Bayliffes, and other head officer and officers, of cities, borowes, & towne corporate, which haue, or hereafter shal haue iurisdiction and auctoritie, within the seuerall limits of theyr office & offices, to holde & kepe sessions, as iustice or iustices of y^e peace, shall & may by auctoritie hereof, aswel arrest and commit to warde, all and euery person and persons being vehemently suspected of any of the offences aforesaide: as also to procede to the execution, hearing and determining of euery of the sayde offences, and to see, and make due execution therof, according to the purport, meaning, and effect of this present acte: any thyng in the same acte heretofore made to the contrary not withstanding.

Provided alwayes, that the sayd Justice of peace, aswell within liberties as without, the which shal, for any the offences aforesayde, commit any person or persons to warde, as is aforesayd, shal within ten dayes next after such committing, with one other iustice, wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, direct their precept to the Sheriffe or Sheriffes of the countie where thoffence shalbe committed, or to other ordinarie officer, yf it be within any citie or towne corporate, where the Sheriffe can not intromit: commaundynge hym or them by the same impanell, and retourne, as they shal assigne. xxiij. good and lawfull men of his or their bayliwike, or bayliwikes, to enquire of the sayde offence or offences, the whiche any suche person or persons shalbe so imprisoned for: And therupon, within one moneth after the date of the sayd precept, to procede and determine, as aboue is expressed: euery one of the same Justices, upon payne of. x. li. to be payde to the kyng and Queenes hyghnesses, as often as they shalbe founden in default of any of the same.

Provided also, and be it enacted, that this acte shalbe proclaymed in all the shyres within this Realme, before the. xii. day of februarie next commynge, to thintent that all persons may haue notice therof, and auoyde the perill and daunger that myght ensue by offendynge agaynst the same. And this acte to be only in force, vntill the ende of the next parliament, and no longer.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that none of the peares of this realme shalbe arrested or imprisoned for any of the sayd offences, but onely by order or commaundement
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geuen from the King and Queenes priue counsaile, or of the heyres of the Queene, and that the sayd peeres, and euery of them, that shal hereafter fortune to be indicted of any thoffences aforesayde, shall be tryed by theyr peeres, as befoze hath ben accustomed in cases of treason or felony.

¶ An Acte for the punishment of certaine persons, calling them selues Egyptians.

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Vere in a parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxi. yere of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lorde King Henry the eyght (for the auoiding and banishing out of this realme of certaine outlandishe people, calling them selues Egyptians, vsing no craft nor seate of marchaundises for to liue by, but going from place to place in great companies, vsing great, suttile, and craftye meanes to deceaue the kynes Subiectes, bearing them in hand, that they by palmistry coulde tell mens and womens fortune: and so many tymes by craft and subtiltie disceiue the people of theyr money, and commyt diuers great and heynous felonies and robberies, to the great hurt and disceit of the people:) It was amongst other thinges then enacted, that from the time of the making of the saide Acte, no suche personnes shoulde be suffered to come within this the kinges realme, vppon payne of forfeiture to the king al their goodes and cattels, and them to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within. x. dayes next after the commaundement, vpon paine of imprisonment: And such persons calling them selues Egyptians, as then were within this realme, shoulde depart within. xvi. dayes next after proclamation of the sayde Acte, vpon payne of imprisonment and forfeiture of all their goodes and cattels, with diuers other clauses and articles conteyned in the sayde act, as by the said act more at large it appeareth. Forasmuch as diuers of the sayd company, and such other like persons, not fearing the penaltie of the sayde statute, haue enterprised to come ouer agayne into this realme, vsing theyr olde accustomed dyuelishe and noughtye practises and deuises, with such abominable liuing as is not in any Christian realme to be permitted, named, or knowen, and be not duly punyshed for the same, to the perellous and euyl example of our soueraigne Lord and Lady the king and the Queenes Maiesties most louing subiectes, and to the vtter and extreme vndoing of diuers and many of them, as euidently doth appeare.

For reformation whereof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the King and Queene our soueraigne Lorde and Lady, the Lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauthozitie of the same, that yf any person or persons, after the
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laste day of Januarie next comming, do willingly transporte, bring, & conuey into this Realme of Englande or Wales, any such persons, calling them selues, or commonly called Egyptians: that then he or they so transporting, bringing, or conueying in any such persons, contrary to the true meaning of this Acte, shall forfeite and lose for euery tyme so offendyng. xl. poundes of lawfull money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye of the sayde persons called Egyptians, which shalbe transported and conueyed into this Realme of England or Wales, as is aforesaide, do continue and remayne within the same by the space of one moneth: that then he or they so offending, shall by vertue of this Acte be deemed and iudged a felon and felons, and shall therefore suffer paynes of death, losse of landes and goodes, as in cases of felonie by the order of the common lawe of this Realme, and shall bypon the tryall of them, or any of them therein so tried, in the countie, and by thynhabitantes of the countie or place where they or he shalbe apprehended or taken, & not Per medietatem linguæ, and shall lose the benefite and priuiledge of sanctuarie and clergie.

And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that yf the Egyptians, or other persons commonly calling them selues Egyptians, and euery of them, now being within this Realme of England or Wales, do not depart out of the same within. xx. dayes next after proclamation of this present Acte shall be made: that then he or they which shall not depart within the sayde time, accordyng to the true meaning of this acte, shall forfeite and lose all his and their goodes and cattels: and that then it shalbe lawfull to al and euery the kings and the Queenes subiectes to seale the same: thone moitie thereof to be to the vse of our soueraigne lord and lady the king & the Queene, and thother moitie thereof to be to the vse of him or them that shall so seale the same.

And be it also enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayde, that yf the Egyptians, and other persons commonly called Egyptians, and euery of them, now being within this Realme of England or Wales, do not depart out and from the same, within. xl. dayes next after the proclamation shalbe made of this acte, that then he or they which shall not depart and auoyde within the said time of. xl. dayes, according to the true meaning of this act, shalbe iudged and deemed according to the lawes of this realme of England a felon and felons, and shall suffer therefore paynes of death, losse of landes and goodes as in other cases of felonie, as shalbe tryed as is aforesayde, and without hauing anye benefite or priuiledge of sanctuarie and clergie.

And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie aforesayd, that yf anye person after the first day of Januarie next comming, shall sue for the obteynning of any licence, letter, or pasporte, for anye of the saide persons

sons called Egyptians, to abyde or continue within this Realme of England or Wales, contrary to the tenor of this acte, that then euery such person so suing, shal forfeite and lose for the same. xl. poundes, of lawfull money of Englande: and that euery suche licence, letter, and pasporte, shalbe by vertue of this acte voyde to all intentes and purposes: the one moytie of all whiche summes of money to be forfeited as is beforesayde, shalbe to the Kyng and Queene our Soueraigne Lorde and Ladie, and the other moytie therof to be to him or them that wyl sue for the same, in any court of recorde, by action of debt, byll, plaint, or information, wherein anye essoigne, wager of lawe, nor protection, shalbe admitted and allowed.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that this present acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extend nor be hurtful to any of the sayde persons commonly called Egyptians, whiche within the sayde tearme of twentie dayes next after the sayde proclamation to be made, as is beforesayde, shall leaue that noughtie, idle, and vngodly lyfe and company, and be placed in the seruice of some honest and hable inhabitaunt or inhabitantes, within this realme, or that shall honestly exercise hym selfe in some lawfull worke or occupation: but that he or they so continuing in seruice, or other lawfull worke or occupation, shal (duryng such tyme as he or they shal so continue) be discharged of al paines and forfeitures conteyned in this acte.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that this acte shall not in any wyse extend to any chyld or chyldren, being not aboue the age of thyrteene yeres, nor to any of the sayde persons being now in prison, so that he or they so being in prison, doo departe out of this realme within fourteene dayes nexte after his or their deliuerie out of prison, nor shal extend to charge any maner of person or persons, as necessary to any offence or offences, conteyned or specified in this estatute.

An acte to restrayne carying of corne, victualles, and wood, ouer the sea.

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Where as sundrye good estatutes and lawes hath been made within this realme in the time of the Queenes highnesse most noble progenitours, that none should transport, cary, or conuey out of this realme into any place in the parties beyond the seas, any corne, butter, cheese, or other victuall (except only for the vittaling of the Towne of Callis, Hammes, & Gypsnes, & the marches of the same)

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same) bpon dyuers great paynes and forfeitures in the same contayned, that notwithstanding many and sundrye couetous and insatiable persons, seeking their only lucre and gaynes, hath, and daylye doth carry & conuey innumerable quantitie, as well of corne, cheese, butter, and other victual, as of wood, out of this realme, into the parties beyond the seas: by reason whereof, the sayd corne, victual, and wood, are growen into a woonderful dearth, and extreme prizes, to the great detriment of the common wealth of this your hyghnesse realme, and your faythful subiectes of the same.

For remedie whereof, it may please your hyghnesse that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by your highnesse, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthozitie of the same, that no maner of person or persons, after the .xx. day of January next commyng, shall carry & transporte out of this realme by any Shyp, Crayer, or other vessell whatsover, into any place in the parties beyond the seas, or into the realme of Scotland, any wheat, rye, barlie, or other corne, or grayne, growing within this realme, or any mault made within the same, or any beere, butter, cheese, herryng, or wood, except only to and for the victualling and furniture of the townes of Callis, Hammes, & Guisnes, and to the towne of Barwicke, & the marches of the same, without sufficient and lawful aucthoritie so to doo, bpon the paynes & penalties hereafter ensuing: that is to say, thowmer and owners of the sayde Shyppes & other vessels, to forfeite the sayde Shypps, Crayers, and other vessels, with all their apparels to them and euery of them belonging, wherin the sayde corne, butter, cheese, herryng, victual, or wood, shalbe so transported and carryed, and the owners and owner of the sayde corne, butter, cheese, herryng, & wood, to forfeite the double value of the same so carryed and conueyed, and the maister and mariners of euery of the sayd Shyppes, Crayers, and vessels, for euery suche offence, to forfeite all their goodes, and to be imprisoned by the space of one whole yeere, without bayle or maynepryse.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that yf any persons or persons, after the sayde .xx. day of January, doo carry and conuey awayne by Bote, Crayer, or other vessell, or other wyse, anye wheate, rye, barlie, mault, or other corne, or graine, or any beere, butter, cheese, herryng, or wood, to any Shyppe or vessell beyng on the seas, or within any Hauen, Creke, or other place of the border of this realme, to be transported, carried, and conueyed into any place in the parties beyonde the seas, or into the realme of Scotlande, without sufficient aucthoritie so to doo: that then euery owner of the said victuals, corne, and other thyngs abouesayde, so transported or carryed, and the owner and owners of euery such Bote or vessell, & the Bote-men and Mariners of the same, shall loose, forfeite, and suffer all
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such forfeitures, paynes, and penalties, as is aboue rehearsed, thone moytie of all and euery whiche forfeiture or forfeitures, to be to the Kyng and Queenes hyghnesse, their heires and successours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same, by byll, information, action of debte, or other wyse, in any of the Kyng & Queenes hyghnesse courtes of record, in whiche action, byll, or suite, the defendant shal not wage his lawe, nor haue any essoigne or protection to hym allowed.

And be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shal obtene of the king & queenes Maesties, their heires or successours, or any of them, any licence, to carrie and transporte any corne, victual, or wood, into any parties beyonde the seas, that if he or they, to whom any such licence shalbe graunted, or any other, to whom suche person or persons, hauyng suche licence, shall geue, graunt, or sel his or their sayde licence vnto, shall carry, or conuey, or cause to be caried, or conueyed, any more corne, victual, or wood, then shalbe conteyned in his or their sayde licence, shal forfeite the treble value of the sayde corne, victual, or wood, so caried and transported, without sufficient auctoritie, and shall suffer imprisonment for one whole yeere in the common gaole, where he shalbe apprehended, there to remayne without any bayle or mayne pryse.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons, after the sayde twentieth day of Januarie, that shal obteyne, or haue any suche licence for transporting and carrying any corne, victual, or wood, into any parties beyond the seas, shall shyp, lade, and fraught the same, or any part thereof, at sundrye places within this realme, but at one place certayne, vpon payne of forfeiture of the sayde corne, victuall, and wood, and all his goodes and cattelles: the one moytie therof to the Kyng and Queenes Maesties, their heires and successours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same by action of debt, byll, playnt, information, or other wyse, wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne, or protection, shalbe to hym or them allowed.

And for the better execution of this act, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and singuler Justices of peace, as wel within the liberties, as without, within their seuerall auctorities and commissions, at any tyme within thre yeeres next after suche offences committed, shal haue full power and auctoritie to enquire, as wel by the othes of twelue lawfull men, as also to heare & examine the maister, maisters, and mariners of the sayde shippes, craiers, and other vessels. And al and euery other person, and persons, of all and singuler the offenders agaynst this present acte, and to heare and determine the same offences, as they may and ought to heare and determine any other trespasses or offences.

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Þrouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that at al tyme & tymes hereafter, when the common pryce of corne within this realme is, that wheate shal not excede the pryce of. vi. s. viii. d. the quarter, and rye. iiii. s. the quarter, and barlie. iii. s. the quarter, it shalbe lawfull to euery person and persons, to carry and transport ouer the sea, to any place beyond the seas, at their pleasure, of the sayde kindes of corne, so that it be not to the kyng and queenes enemies.

Þrouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this acte, ne any thyng therein conteyned, shal extende to any person or persons, for the necessarie victuallynge of any shipp, shippes, or other vesselles, but that they, and euery of them, may victuall the sayd shippes & vesselles, as they myght haue done before the making of this present acte: this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Þrouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not be prejudicial or hurtfull vnto the lorde great Admirall of Englande, for the tyme beyng, or to the kyng and queenes maiesties iurisdiction of the Admiraltie, but that the sayd lorde Admirall, or his deputie or deputies, may, and shall exercise, vse, and execute all kynde of iurisdiction, belonging to the sea, accordyng to his or their commissions, as they myght lawfully haue doone heretofore: this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An acte for the reuiuing of three Estatutes, made for the punishment of heresies.

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Or the eschewing and auoyding of errors & heresies, which of late haue rysen, growen, & muche increased within this realme, for that the Ordinaries haue wanted aucthoritie to procede against those that were infected therewith: be it therfore ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that the statute made in the fyfth yeere of the raigne of kyng Richard the seconde, concernyng the arrestyng and apprehension of erroneous and hereticall preachers, and one other statute made in the seconde yeere of the raigne of kyng Henrie the fourth, concerning repressyng of heresies, and punysshment of heretikes, and also one other estatute made in the seconde yeere of the raigne of kyng Henrie the fyfth, concernyng the suppression of heresie and lollardie, and euery article, braunche, and sentence, conteyned in the same thre seuerall actes,

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actes, and euery of them, shal from the twentieth day of Januarie next comynge, be reuiued, and be in ful force, strength, and effect, to all intents, constructions, and purposes, for euer.

The tenor of the acte, made in the fyfth yeere of Kyng Richard, is as foloweth. Cap.v.



Item, for as much as it is openly knowen, that there be diuers euil persons within the realme, going from countie to countie, and from towne to towne, in certayne habites, vnder dissimulation of great holinesse, and without the licence of the Ordinaries of the places, or other sufficient auctoritie, preaching dayly, not onely in Churches & Churchyardes, but also in markets, fayres, and other open places, where a congregation of people is, diuers sermons conteyning heresies & notorious errours, to the great embleamishynge of the Christian fayth, and destruction of the lawes, & of the estate of holy Church, to the great pericle of the soules of the people, and of all the realme of Englande, as more playnely is founde, & sufficiently prooued before the reuerende father in God the Archbyschop of Canterbury, & the Byschops and other Prelates, maisters of diuinitie, and doctours of canon and of ciuil, & a great part of the Cleargie of the sayde realme, specially assembled for this cause, which persons doo also preache diuers matters of flander, to ingender discorde and dissention, betwixt diuers estates of the sayd realme, as wel spiritual as temporal, in exityng of the people, to the great peryl of the realme, which preachers cited or summoned before the ordinaries of the places, there to answere of that wherof they be impeached, wyll not obey to their summons and commaundementes, nor care not for their monitions nor censures of h^y holy Church, but expressly despise them: And moreouer, by their subtil ingenious words, do drawe the people to heare the sermons, & do mainteyne them in their errors by strong hand, and by great routes: It is ordeined and assented in this present parliament, that the kyngs commissions be made and directed to the Sheriffes and other ministers of our soueraigne lord the kyng, or other sufficient persons learned, and accordyng to the certifications of the prelates therof, to be made in the chauncery from time to time, to arrest all suche preachers, and also their fautours, maynteyners, & abbetours, and to hold them in arrest and strong pryson, tyl they wyl iustifie them, accordyng to the lawe and reason of holy Church. And the kyng wylleth & commaundeth, that the Chauncelour make such commissions at all tymes, that he by the prelates, or any of them, shal be certified, and thereof requyred, as is aforesayde.

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The tenor of the seconde acte, made in the seconde yeere of Kyng Henric the fourth, is as foloweth. Cap.xv.



Item, wheras it is shewed to our soueraigne lord the kyng, on the behalfe of the Prelates and Cleargie of this realme of England, in this present Parliament, that although the Catholique fayth, buylded bypon Christe, and by his Apostles, and the holy Church sufficiently determined, declared, & approued, hath been hitherto to be good & holy, and most noble progenitours of our soueraigne lord the king, in the said realme, amongst al the realmes of the world, most deuoutly obserued, & the Church of England, by his said most noble progenitors, & auncetors, to the honour of God, and the whole realme aforesayd, laudably endowed, & in her rytes and liberties susteyned, without that the same fayth, or the sayde Church was hurt, or greuously oppressed, or els perturbed by any peruerse doctrine, or wicked heretical or erronious opinions: yet neuerthelesse, diuers false & peruerse people, of a certayne newe sect of the fayth of the sacramentes of the Church, & the auctoritie of the same, damnably thinking, & against the law of God, and of the Church, vsurping the office of preachyng, do peruersly & maliciously, in diuers places within the sayd realme, vnder the colour of dissimuled holynesse, preach, & teach these dayes, openly & priuily dyuers newe doctrines, & wicked heretical and erronious opinions, contrary to the same fayth, & blessed determinations of the holy Church: And of such sect and wicked doctrine & opinions, they make vnlawful conuenticles and confederacies, they holde and exercise scooles, they make and wyte bookes, they doo wickedly instruct & enfourme people, and as muche as they may, excite and stirre them to sedition and insurrection, and maketh great strife & diuision among the people, & other enormities, horrible to be heard, daily doo perpetrate & commit in subuersion of the sayde catholike faith, & doctrine of the holy church, in diminution of Gods honour, & also in destruction of the estate, rites, & liberties of the sayd Church of England, by which sect, & wicked and false preachynges, doctrines, and opinions of the sayde false peruerse people, not onely moste greatest perill of the soules, but also many more other hurtres, flaunders, and perils (whiche God prohibite) myght come to this realme, vnles it be the more plentifully & speedily holpen by the kings maiestie in this behalfe: namely, wheras the diocesans of the sayde realme, can not by their iurisdiction spiritual, without aid of the said royal maiestie, sufficiently correct the sayd false & peruerse people, nor refraine their malice, because the sayd false and peruerse people, do go from dioces to dioces, and wil not appeare before the sayd diocesans, but the same diocesans, and their iurisdiction spirituall, and the
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keyes of the Church, with the censures of the same, doo bitterly contemne and despise, and so their wicked preachynges and doctrines doeth from day to day continue and exercise, to the hatred of ryght and reason, and bitter destruction of order & good rule. Upon whiche nowelties and excesses aboue rehearsed, the Prelates and Cleargie aforesayd, & also the commons of the sayde realme, being in the same parliament, praying our soueraigne lord the kynge, that his royall highnes would vouchsafe in the said parliament, to prouide a conuenient remedy: the same our soueraigne lord the king, graciously considering the premisses, and also the laudable steppes of his sayd most noble progenitors and auncetors, for the conseruation of the said catholike faith, and sustentation of Gods honoꝝ, and also the safegarde of the estate, rites, and liberties of the said Church of England, to the laude of God, and merite of our sayde soueraigne lord the kynge, and prosperitie and honour of all his sayd realme, & for the eschewing of suche dissentions, diuisions, hurtes, slaunders, and peryls in tyme to come: and that this wicked sect, preachynges, doctrines, & opinions, shoulde from henceforth cease, and be bitterly destroyed by the assent of the states, and other discreete men of the realme, being in the sayd parliament, hath graunted, stablyshed, & ordeyned from henceforth, firmly to be obserued, that none within the sayde realme, or any other dominions, subiectes to his royal Maiestie, presume to preach openly or priuily, without the license of the diocesan of the same place fyrst requyred and obteyned, Curates in their owne Churches, and persons hytherto priuiledged, and other of the canon law graunted, onely except. Nor that none from henceforth any thyng preach, hold, teach, or instructe, openly or priuily, or make or wyte any booke contrary to the catholike fayth, or determination of the holy Church, nor of suche sect and wicked doctrines and opinions, shall make any conuenticles, or in any wyse holde or exercise scooles. And also that none from henceforth in any wyse fauour suche preacher, or maker of any suche and lyke conuenticles, or holdyng or exercisynge scooles, or makynge or wyptyng suche bookes, or so teaching, informing, or exciting the people, nor any of them mainteine, or in any wyse susteine. And that al and synguler hauyng suche bookes, or any wyptynges of such wicked doctrine and opinions, shal really with effect deliuer, or cause to be deliuered al such bookes & wyptynges to the diocesan of the same place, within. xl. dayes from the tyme of the proclamation of this ordinance & statute. And if any person or persons, of whatsoever kind, estate, or condition that he or they be, from henceforth do, or attempt against the royal ordinance & statute aforesaide in y premisses, or in any of them: or such bookes in y fourme aforesaid, do not deliuer, then the diocesan of the same place in his dioces, suche person or persons in this behalfe defamed, or evidently suspected, & euery of them,

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may by the aucthoritie of the sayd Ordinarie and statute, cause to be arrested, and vnder safe custodie in his prysons to be deteyned, vntyll he or they, of the articles laid to him or them in this behalfe, do canonically purge hym or them selfe, or els such wyched sect, preachings, doctrines, and hereticall and erronious opinions, doo abiure accordyng as the lawes of the Church doeth requyre, so that the diocesan by hym selfe, or his commissaries, doo openly and iudicially proceede against such persons so arrested, and remaining vnder his safe custodie, to al effect of the lawe, & determine that same busines, according to the canonical decrees, within thre monethes after the sayde arrest: any lawfull impediment ceassynge. And yf any person in any case aboue expessed, be before the diocesan of that place, or his commissaries, canonically conuict, then the same diocesan may do to be kept in his prison the same person so conuict, for the maner of his defaulte, & after the qualitie of the offence, accordyng and as long as to his discretion shal seeme expedient: and moreouer to put the same person to the secular court, except in cases where he accordyng to the canonical decree ought to be left, to pay to our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, his pecunier fyne, accordyng as the same fyne shal seeme competent to the diocesan, for the maner and qualitie of the offence: in which case the same diocesan shalbe bounde to certifie the Kyng of the same fyne in his exchequer, by his letter patents, sealed with his seale, to the effect that such fynes by the kyngs aucthoritie, may be requyred and leuied to his vse, of the goods of the same person so conuict. And yf any person within the sayd realmes and dominions, vpon the sayde wyched preachynges, doctrines, opinions, scooles, and hereticall and erronious informations, or any of them, be before the diocesan of the same place, or his commissaries, sentencially conuict, & the same wicked sect, preachynges, doctrines, & opinions, scooles, & informations, do refuse duely to abiure, or by the diocesan of the same place, or his commissaries, after the abiuration made, by the same person pronounced, fall into relapse, so that accordyng to the holy canons, he ought to be left to the secular court, wher vpon credence shalbe geuen to the diocesan of the same place, or to the commissaries in this behalfe: then the Sheriffe of the countie of the same place, & Maio, and Sheriffe, or Sheriffe or Maio, and Baylyffes of the citie, towne, and borough of the same countie next to the same diocesan, or the said commissaries, shal be personally present in preferryng of suche sentences, when they by the same diocesan, or by his commissaries, shalbe requyred: And they the same persons, & euery of them, after such sentences promulgate, shal receyue, and them before the people in an hygh place doo to be bent, that suche punysshment may stryke in feare to the myndes of other, wherby no such wicked doctrine and heretical and erronious opinions, nor their abbettours and fauours in the said realme & dominions,

minions agaynst the catholike fayth, christen lawe, & determination of the holy Church (which God prohibite) be sustained, or in any wise suffered, in which all & synguler the premises, concerning the said ordinance and statute, the Sheriffes, Maiors, & Baylyffes of the sayd Counties, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, shalbe tending, ayding, and supporting to the sayde diocesans, and their commissaries.

The tenor of the third acte, made in the second yeere of Kyng Henrie the fyfth, is as foloweth. Chap.vii.

Item, for as muche as great rumors, congregations, and insurrections here in the realme of Englande, by dyuers of the kings liege people, as wel by the which were of the sect of heresies, commonly called loldardie, as by other of their confederacie, excitation, & abetment, nowe of late were made, to thintent to adnul, destroy, & subuert the christen faith, and the law of God & holy Church within this same realme of England: and also to destroy the same our soueraigne lord the king, and al other maner of estates of the same realme of England, as well spirituall as temporall, and also al maner of policie, & finally the lawes of the land: The same our soueraigne lord the king, to the honour of God, and in conseruation and fortification of the christen fayth, and also in saluation of his royal estate, & of the state of al his realme, willyng agaynst the malice of such heretikes & loldards, to prouide a more open remedie & punishment then hath been had and vsed in the case heretofore, so that for feare of the same lawes and punishment, suche heresies and loldardies may the rather cease in tyme to come, by the aduise and assent aforesayde, at the prayer of the sayd commons hath ordeyned & established, that fyrst the Chaunceler, Treasurer, Justices of thone benche & of thother, Justices of peace, Sheriffes, Maiors & Baylyffes of cities & townes, & all other officers hauyng gouernance of people, whiche nowe be, or hereafter for the tyme shalbe, shal make an othe in taking of their charges & occupations, to put their whole power and diligence to put out, & doo to be put out, cease, and destroy al maner of heresies and errors, commonly called loldardies, within the places where they exercise their offices & occupations from tyme to tyme, with all their power: and that they assyst the Ordinaries & their commissaries, & them fauour & mainteine, as often as they, or any of them to that shalbe requyred by the same Ordinaries or their commissaries: so that when the said officers and ministers trauayle or ryde to arrest any loldard, or to make assystance at the instance and request of the Ordinaries, or their commissaries, by vertue of this statute, that the same Ordinaries & commissaries shal pay for their costs reasonable, and that the kynges seruices to the whiche the same officers be fyrst sworne, be preferred before al other statutes, for the liber-

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tie of holy church, & the ministers of the same : and in especial for the correction and punishment of the heretikes and lolarde, before this time made and not repelled, being in their force. And also that al persons conuict of heresie, of what estate, condition, or degree that they be, by the said ordinaries or their commissaries, left to the secular power, according to the lawes of holy church, shal lose & forfeite al their landes and tenementes which they haue in fee simple, in the maner as foloweth : that is to say, that the king haue al the landes and tenementes, whiche the sayd conuictes haue in fee simple, and holden of him immediately as forfeyte : and that the other lordes of whom the landes and tenementes of such conuictes be holden immediatly after that the king is so sealed and answered, yf the yere, the day, and the waste, haue liuery out of the kings hands of the landes and tenementes aforesayde of them so holden, as it hath ben vsed in the case of attainder of felonie, except the landes & tenements which be holden of the ordinaries or their commissaries, before whom any such persons impeached of heresie, be conuict, which landes & tenementes intirely shal remaine to the king as forfeit. And moreover, that al the goods & cattels of these persons so conuicted, be forfeit to our soueraigne lord the king, so that no person conuitt of heresie, and left to the secular power after the lawes of holy church, shal forfeit his landes before that he be dead. And if any such person so conuict, be infested, be it by fine, by deede, or without deede, in landes or tenements, rents, or seruices, in fee or other wyse, or hath any other possessions or cattels by gyft or graunt of any person or persons to anothers vse, then to the vse of suche conuictes, that the same landes nor tenementes, rents, nor seruices, nor suche other possessions, nor cattelles, shalbe forfeyte to our soueraigne lord the kyng in no wyse. And moreover, that the Justices of the kynges benche, and Justices of peace, and Justices of assise, haue ful power to enquire of al them which holde any errors or heresies, as lolarde, and which be their maintainers, receiuers, fauorers, & susteiners, common writers of such booke as wel of the sermons, as of their scooles, conuenticles, congregations, & confederacies: and that this clause be put in commission of the Justices of the peace. And if any persons be indicted of any poyntes aforesaid, the said Justices shal haue power to a ward against them a capias, & the Sheriffe shalbe bound to arrest the person or persons so indicted, as soone as he may them find by him or by his officers. And for as much as the cognisance of heresie, errors, & lolartries, belongeth to the iudges of holy church, & not to the secular iudges, such persons indicted shalbe deliuered to the ordinaries of the places, or to their commissaries, by indentures betwixt them to be made, within .x. dayes after their arrest, or sooner, if it may be, therof to be acquit or conuict by the lawes of holy church, in case that these persons be not indicted of another thyng,

thing, wherof the cognisaunce belongeth to the secular Judges and officers, in whiche case, after that they be acquitte or deliuered before the secular Judges of such thinges to the secular Judges belongyng, they shalbe sent in safegarde to the sayde Ordinaries, or theyr Commis-
saries, and to them deliuered by indentures as before, to be ac-
quite or conuicte of such lollardies, errours, or heresies as is aforesaid,
after the lawes of holy Church, and that within the terme aforesaid.

¶ Provided alwayes, that the sayde indictmentes be not taken in
evidence, but for information before the spiritual Judges agaynst
such persons so indicted: but that the Ordinaries commence theyr
proccesse agaynst such persons indicted in the same maner, as though
no indictment were, hauing no regarde to such indictmentes.

And yf any be indicted of heresie, errour, or lollardye, and taken
by the Sheriffe or other officer, he shalbe let to maynepsle within
the sayde terme dayes by good suertie, for whom the sayde Sheriffes
or other officers will answer, so that the sayde person or persons
which were so indicted, be redye to be deliuered to the sayde Ordina-
ries, or to theyr Commisaries, before the ende of the sayde terme
dayes, yf he may by any meanes for sickness. And euery Ordinarie
shall haue sufficient Commisaries, or Commisary dwelling in euery
county in a place notable, so that yf any such person so indicted be ta-
ken, that the sayde Commisaries or Commisary, may be warned in
the notable place where he dwelleth by the Sheriffe, or some of his
officers, to come to the kynges iayle in the same countie, there to re-
ceave the same person so indicted by indentures as before. And that
in the inquest in this case to be taken, the Sheriffes and other offi-
cers, to whom it belongeth, shall do to be empanelled good and suffi-
cient persons, not suspected nor procured: that is to saye, that euery
of them which shalbe so empanelled in such inquest, haue within the
realme of England. C. s. of landes, tenementes, or of rent by yeere,
bpon payne to lose to the kynges vse. x. li. and they which shalbe em-
panelled in such inquestes in Wales, euery of them shall haue to the
value of. xl. s. by yeere. And yf anye such person be arreste, be it by the
Ordinary, or by the kynges officers or ministers, and escape or breake
the prison, before that he be acquit before the Ordinary, the goodes &
cattelles whiche he had the daye of suche arreste, shalbe forfeyte to
the kinge, and his landes and tenementes, which he had the same
day, sealed also in the kynges handes. The kyng shall haue the pro-
fites thereof from the sayd day, vntyl he be yelded to the prison from
which he escaped: And that the foresayd Justices haue full power to
enquire of all such escapes, breakyng of prison, and also of landes and
tenementes, goodes and cattels of such persons so indicted.

¶ Provided also, that yf any such person indicted, do not returne to
the sayd prison, and dieth not conuict, it shalbe lawfull to his heyres

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to enter into the landes and tenementes of theyr aunceller, without any other pursuit making to the kyng for this cause: and then all they which haue liberties and franchises royall in Englande, as in the Countie of Chester, the Countie & libertie of Durham, and other like, and also all the lordes which haue iurisdiction and franchises royall in Wales, where the kinges wryttes do not runne, haue power to execute and put in due execution these articles in all poyntes, by them or by theyr officers, in like maner as the Iustices and other the kinges officers befoze declared shoulde do.

An Acte that persons dwelling in the countrey, shal not sell diuers wares in Cities or Townes corporate by retayle.

The.vi. Chapter.



Here befoze this tyme the auncient cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes within this realme of England, haue ben very populous, & chesely inhabited with marchauntes, artificers, & handycraftesmen, during which time the childre in the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, & market townes, were ciuilly brought by and instructed, and also in the said cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, kept in good order and obeysance, and the inhabitors of the same wel set on worke and kept from idlenesse. By reason whereof, the said cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, did then prosper in riches and great wealth, and were as then not only able to serue and furnishe the kinge and queenes maiesties, and other theyr noble progenitours kynges of this Realme, as well with great numbers of good able persons, and wel furnysheed meete for the warres, as also then charged, and yet chargeable with great fee farmes, quindemes, taxes, and diuers other paymentes to the kyng and queenes maiesties, whiche at this present they be not able to pay and beare, but to theyr bitter vndoing, being fewe in number to pay and beare the same, but also the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, are like to come very shortly to bitter destruction, ruine, and decay. By reason wherof, the occupiers, linnen Drapers, wollen Drapers, Haberdashers, and Grocers, dwelling in the countreys out of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, do not only occupie the arte and mysterie of the sayde sciences, in the places where they dwel and inhabite, but also come by to the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, and there sel theyr wares, and take away the reliefe of the inhabitants of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, to the great decay, and bitter vndoing of the inhabitauntes of the

the same, if speedy reformation therein be not had in time convenient. For remedy wherof, and for the better amendment of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes, and to the ende the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, may be the better able to pay the sayd fee farmes, and also to beare the other ordinarie charges within the same cities, boroughes, and townes corporate, and to furnishe the King and Queenes maiesties with numbers of able persons, like as they heretofore haue done in times past, in times of warre.

Be it therefore enacted by our soueraigne Lorde and Ladye, the King and Queene, the lordes spirituall, and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that any person or persons which do nowe inhabite & dwel, or hereafter shall inhabite or dwel in the country any where, or countie within this realme of Englande, out of any of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, from & after the feast of S. Michael tharchangell next commynge, shall not sell, or cause to be solde by retayle, any wollen cloth, linnen cloth, haberdashe wares, grocery wares, mercery wares, at or within any of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, or within y suburbs or liberties of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, and market townes within the sayd realme of Englande (except it be in open faires) vpon paine to forfeyte and lose for every time so offending, the summe of. vi. s. viii. d. & the whole wares so solde, proffred, and offered to be solde, contrary to the fourme, intent, and effecte of this present acte, as aboue is sayde: the one moitie of al which forfeitures, to be to the vse of our sayde Soueraigne Lorde and Ladye the kyng and queenes maiesties, and the other halfe to him or them that shall sease and sue for the same in any of the King and Queenes courtes of recorde, by byll, playnt, action of debt, information, or other wyle, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

Provided alway, that this acte shall not in any wyle extende, nor be hurtfull to any person or persons, that bring any of the sayde wollen cloth, linnen cloth, haberdashe, grocery, mercery, ware or wares to any of the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes to be solde, or cause to be solde, by whole sale, in grosse, and not by retayle: but they and euery of them may lawfully sell the same in as large and ample maner, fourme and condition by whole sale, in grosse, and not by retayle, as they and euery of them might haue done at any tyme or tymes before the making of this acte: anye thyng herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that this present act shal not extend to any person or persons that nowe dwel or inhabite in the countrey, or hereafter

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Shall dwell or inhabite out of any the sayd cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes: but that they, and euery of them, at any time hereafter, when they or anye of them shalbe free of anye the guildes and liberties of any the sayde cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, and dwell or inhabite within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes corporate, or market townes, that they and euery of them so beyng free, shall and may sell, or cause to be solde any of the wares aforesayde by retayle, in as ample and large maner as they and euery of them might haue done, beyng free of the sayde cities, boroughes, and townes aforesayde, before the makynge of this act: any clause or article in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by th aucthoritie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to all persons, to sell, or cause to be solde, by retayle or otherwyle, al maner of cloth, linnen or wollen, of theyr owne makynge, in euery citie, borough, towne corporate, and market towne within the realme, as freely and frankly as they myght haue done before the makynge of this acte: any thyng in the same conteynynge to the contrary hereof, notwithstanding.

Provided alway, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be prejudiciall or hurtful to the liberties and priuiledges of the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxford, or eyther of them: anye thing in this act heretofore mentioned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

An Acte repealing all Statutes, articles, and prouisions, made agaynst the see apostilike of Rome, since the twentie yere of king Henry the eyght, and also for the establishment of all spirituall and Ecclesiasticall possessions and hereditamentes, conueyed to the laitie.

The eight Chapter.



Here as since the. xx. yere of kyng Henry the eyght, of famous memory, father vnto your Maiestie, our moste naturall soueraigne and gracious Ladye and Queene, muche false and erronious doctrine hath beene taught, preached, and wrytten, partly by diuers the naturall borne subiectes of this realme, and partly beyng brought in hyther from sundry other forraigne countreys, hath ben sowne and spread abroad within the same. By reason wherof, as well the spiritualtie as the temporaltie of your highnes realme and dominions, haue swarued from the obedience of the see apostolike, and declined from the vnitie of Christes Church, and so haue
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continued vntyl such time as your maiestie beyng fyrst raised vp by God, and set in the seate royall ouer vs, and then by his deusne and gracious prouidence kniite in mariage with the most noble and vertuous pryncesse, the king our soueraigne lord your husbnde, the Popes holynes and the See apostolike sent hyther vnto your maiesties (as vnto persons vndefiled, and by Gods goodnes preserued from the common infection aforesayde) and to the whole realme, the most reuerende father in God, the Lord Cardinal Poole, Legate de latere, to call vs home agayne into the ryght way, from whence we haue all this long whyle wandered and strayed abroad: and we after sundry long and greivous plagues and calamities, seeyng by the goodnesse of God our owne errors, haue knowledged the same vnto the sayde moste reuerende father, and by hym haue ben and are the rather at the contemplation of your maiesties, receiued and embraced into the vnitie and bosome of Christs church: and vpon our humble submission and promise made for a declaration of our repentance, to repeale and abrogate suche actes and statutes, as had been made in parliament synce the sayde. xx. yeere of the sayde kyng Henrre the eyght, agaynst the supremacie of the see apostolike, as in our submission exhibited to the sayde moste reuerende father in God, by your maiesties appeareth. The tenour whereof ensueth.

We the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons assembled in this present parliament, representyng the whole body of the realme of Englande, and the dominions of the same, in the name of our selues perticulerly, and also of the sayde body vniuersally, in this our supplication directed to your maiesties, with most humble suite, that it may by your graces intercession and meane be exhibited to the moste reuerende father in God, the Lorde Cardinall Poole Legate, sent specially hyther from our moste holy father the Pope Iulij the thirde, and the see apostolike of Rome: do declare our selues verpe soze and repentaunt of the schisme and disobedience commytted in this realme and dominions aforesayd, against the said see apostolike, either by making, agreeyng, or executing any lawes, ordinaunces, or commaundementes agaynst the supremacie of the sayde see, or otherwyle doyng or speakyng, that might impugne the same: offeryng our selues, & promising by this our supplication, that for a token and knowledge of our sayd repentaunce, we be, and shalbe alwaies redy, vnder and with thauithorities of your maiesties, to the uttermost of our powers, to do that shall lye in vs for the abrogation, and repealing of the sayd lawes and ordinaunces in this present parliament, aswell for our selues, as for the whole bodye, whom we represente. Whereupon, we most humbly desyre your maiesties, as personages vndefiled in offence of hodye towarde the sayde see, whiche neuerthelesse God by his prouidence hath made subiect to you, so to see forth

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foorth this our moſte humble ſuite, that we may obtayne from the See apoſtolike, by the ſayde moſt reuerende father, as well perticulerly, as generally, abſolution, releaſe, and diſcharge from all danger of ſuche cenſures, and ſentences, as by the lawes of the church we be fallen into: and that we may as children repentaunt, be receyued into the boſome and bntie of Chriſtes church, ſo as this noble realme, with all the members thereof, may in this bntie and perfect obedience to the ſee apoſtolike, and Popes for the tyme beyng, ſerue God and your maiesties, to the furtheraunce & aduancement of his honour and glory. We are at the interceſſion of your maiesties, by thauthoritie of our holy father Pope Iulij the thirde, and of the See apoſtolike, alſoyled, diſcharged, and deliuered from excommunication, interdiction, and other cenſures eccleſiaſticall, which hath hanged ouer our heades for our ſayde defaultes, ſince the tyme of the ſayde ſchiſme mentioned in our ſupplication. The which tyme, the ſayde lorde Legate and we do all declare, recogniſe, and meane by this acte to be onely ſince the .xx. yere of the raigne of your moſte noble father king Henry the eyght. It may nowe like your maiesties, that for the accompliſhment of our promyle made in the ſayde ſupplication, that is, to repeale al lawes and ſtatuts made contrary to the ſayde ſupremacie and See apoſtolike, durynge the ſayd ſchiſme, the which is to be vnderſtande, ſince the .xx. yere of the raigne of the ſayde late king Henry the eyght, and ſo the ſayde lorde Legate doth accept, and recogniſe the ſame.

Where in the Parliament begun and holden at Weſtmiſter, in the .xxi. yere of the raigne of the late kyng of moſt famous memory king Henry the eyght, one acte was then and there made agaynſt pluralities of benefices, for taking of farmes by ſpiritual men, and for none reſidence: in the whiche acte amongſt other thynges it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf any perſon or perſons at any tyme after the fyrſt day of Aprill in the yere of our Lorde God, a thouſande fyue hundred and thirtie, contrary to the ſame acte, ſhoulde procure and obteyne at the court of Rome, or els where, any licence or licences, vniou, tolleration, or diſpenſation, to receaue or take anye moze benefices with cure, then was limited and appoynted by the ſame acte: or els at any tyme after the ſayde day, ſhoulde put in execution any ſuch licence, tolleration, or diſpenſation, befoze that tyme obteyned contrary to the ſayde acte, that then euery ſuche perſon or perſons, ſo after the ſayde day ſuyng for hym ſelfe, or receauyng and takyng ſuch benefice by force of ſuch licence or licences, vniou, tolleration, or diſpenſation, that is to ſay, the ſame perſon or perſons only and none other, ſhould for euery ſuch defaulte, incurre the danger, payne and penaltie of .xx. li. ſterl. and ſhoulde alſo loſe the whole profites of euery ſuche benefice, or benefices, as he receaueth, or taketh

heth by force of any suche licence or licences, vnion, tolleracion, or dispensation. And where also in the sayde acte it was ordeyned and enacted, that yf anye person or persons dyd procure, or obtayne at the courte of Rome, or els where, any maner of licence or dispensation to be none residence at their dignities, prebend, or benefices, contrary to the sayde acte, that then euery suche person or persons puttyng in execution any such dispensation or licence for him selfe, from the sayde first day of April, in the sayde yere of our Lord God, a thousand five hundred and thirtie, shoulde runne and incurre in the penaltie, damage, and payne of. xx. li. sterlyng for euery time so doyng, to be forfeyted and recouered, as by the sayde acte is declared: and yet suche licence or dispensation so procured, or to be put in execution, to be void and of none effect, as by the same act moze playnly it doth and may appeare.

Be it enacted by thauthoritie of this present parliament, that as much onely of the sayde acte, as concerneth the articles and clauses aforesayde, and all and euery the wordes and sentences conteyned in the sayde acte, concernyng the sayde Articles and clauses, and euery of them, shal from henceforth be repealed, adnulled, reuoked, adnihilated, and vtterly made voyde for euer: any thyng in the sayde act to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And where also at the session of the same parliament holden vpon prorogacion in the. xxiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late Kyng Henry the eyght, one acte entituled, The act that no person shalbe cited out of the dioces where he or she dwelleth, except in certayne cases: and where also at the sayde parliament, in the session holden at Westminister vpon prorogacion the. xxiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, one act was made, that appeales in such cases as hath ben vled to be pursued to the see of Rome, shoulde not from henceforth be had nor vled but within this realme: And where also at the sayde parliament holden at Westminister in the. xxv. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, and there continued by diuers prorogacions vntyll the. xxiii. day of Apryll, in the xxvii. yeere of his raigne, one acte was made concernyng restrayntes of paymentes of annaties, and fyrste frutes of Archbysshoprikes, and Bysshoprykes of the see of Rome: And where at the Session of the sayde parliament holden in the. xxv. yeere of the raigne of the saide late kyng, there was also one acte made, entituled, The submission of the Clergie to the kinges maiestie: and one other acte, entituled, An acte restraynyng the sayde paymentes of annaties or first frutes to the Bysshop of Rome, and of the electing and consecrating of the Archebysshoppes and Bysshoppes within this realme: and one other act was then and there made, entituled, An acte concernyng the exoneracion of the kinges subiectes from exactions and impositions
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before that tyme payde to the See of Rome, and for haupng licences and dispensations within this Realme, without sayng further for the same:

Be it enacted by thauuthoritie of this present parliament, that the sayde seuerall actes made for the restraynte of payment of the sayde annates and fyrst frutes, and all other the sayde actes made in the sayd. xxiii. and. xxb. yeres of the raigne of the sayde late kynge, and euery of them, and al and euery bzaunch, article, matter, and sentence in them, and euery one of them conteined, shalbe by aucthoritie of this present parliament from henceforth bitterly boyde, made frustrate, and repealed to all intentes, constructions, and purposes.

And be it further enacted by thauuthoritie of this present parliament, that all and euery these actes folowynge: that is to saye, one act made at the session of the sayde parliament holden vpon prorogation at Westm. in the. xxvi. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eight, entituled: an act concernynge the kinges hyghnes to be supreme head of the Church of Englande, and to haue aucthoritie to reforme and redresse all errorrs, heresies, and abuses in the same: And one other acte made in the same session of the same parliament, entituled: an acte for nomination and consecration of Suffraganes within this realme: And one other acte made in the. xxvii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyght, entituled: an acte whereby the kynge shoulde haue power to nominate. xxii. persons of his Clergie and Laytee for the makynge of Ecclesiasticall lawes: And also one other acte, made at the parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxviii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyght, entituled: an act extinguisshynge the aucthoritie of the Bishop of Rome: And one other acte made in the same parliament, entituled: an act for the release of such as then had obteyned pretended licences and dispensation from the See of Rome: And also all that parte of the acte made in the sayde. xxviii. yere of the sayde kynge, entituled: an acte for the establishment of the Succession of the imperiall crowne of the realme, that concerneth a prohibition to marrie within the degrees expressed in the sayde acte: And also one other acte made at the parliament holden at Westminster in the. xxix. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kynge Henry the eyght, entituled: an acte aucthorisynge the kinges hyghnes to make Byschoppes by his letters patentes: And one other acte made in the session of the same parliament begun in the sayde. xxxi. yere, holden vpon prorogation, the. xxxii. yere of the raigne of the sayde kynge Henry the eyght, entituled: an acte concernynge precontractes of marriages, and touchynge degrees of consanguinitie: And one other act made in the parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxb. yere of the raigne of the sayd late kynge Henry the eight, entituled: an act for
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the ratification of the kings maiesties stile, shal henceforth be repealed, made frustrate, boyde, and of none effect. And where also at the sayde parliament holden at Westminster, in the. xxxv. yere of þe raigne of the sayd late kyng Henrie the eight, one other act was made, entituled: An act concerning the stablishment of the succession of the said king in the imperiall crowne of this realme: in the which acte, there is a fourme of a corporal othe deuised and set forth, that euery subject of this realme shoulde be bound to take, agaynst the power, auctoritie, and iurisdiction of the see of Rome: be it enacted by thau thoritie of this present parliament, that so much of the sayde acte as toucheth the sayde othe agaynst the supremacie, and all others there vpon had, made, and geuen, shalbe from henceforth vtterly boyd, repealed, and of none effect. And where also one other act was made in the. xxxvii. yere of the raigne of the said late king Henrie theight, entituled: An acte that doctors of the ciuil lawe being married, myght exercise ecclesiasticall iurisdiction: be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that the sayd act last before mentioned, and al and euery braunche, article, sentence, and matter conteyned in the same, shal from henceforth be repealed, and vtterly made boyd, and of none effect.

And where one other acte was made at the fyrst yere of the parliament holden at Westminster, in the fyrst yere of the raigne of kyng Edward the syxth, entituled: An acte for the repeale of certayne statutes, concernyng treasons, felonies, &c. In the which act, amongst other thinges there is contained certayne prouisions, paynes, penalties, and forfeitures, for, and agaynst suche as shoulde by open preachinges, expresse wordes, sayinges, wryting, prynting, ouert deede, or act, affyrme, or set forth that the king of this realme for the tyme being, is not, or ought not to be supreme head in the earth of þe churches of England nor Ireland, ne of any of them: or that the Bysshop of Rome, or any other person or persons, other thē the kyng of England for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be supreme head of the same Churches, or any of them, as in the same act last before rehearsed, & at large is conteyned and may appeare: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that these clauses before rehearsed, and other of the sayde acte, concerning the supremacie, and all and euery braunche, article, wordes, and sentence in the same, sounding or tending to the derogation of the supremacie of the Popes holines, or the see of Rome: and al paynes, penalties, and forfeitures, made against them that shoulde by any meanes set forth or extol the said supremacie, shalbe from henceforth vtterly boyde, and of none effecte.

And be it further enacted by thau thoritie aforesayd, that al clauses, sentences, and articles of euery other statute, or acte of parliament made sythence the sayde. xx. yere of the raigne of kyng Henrie theight,

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the eyght, agaynst the supreme aucthoritie of the Popes holynesse, or see apostolike of Rome : or conteynyng any other matter of the same effect onely, that is repealed in any of the statutes aforesayde, shalbe also by aucthoritie hereof, from hencefoorth vtterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effecte.

And where we your moste humble subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, haue exhibited to your Maiesties one other supplication, in fourme folowynge.

We the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, representyng the whole body of this realme, reduced & receiued by your Maiesties intercession to the vnitie of Christes Church, & the obedience of the see apostolike of Rome, and the Popes holynesse gouernyng the same, make moste humble suite vnto your Maiesties, to be lyke wyse meanes and intercessors, that all occasions of contention, hatred, grudge, suspition, and trouble both out wardly & in wardly in mens consciences, whiche myght arise amongst vs, by reason of disobedience, may by aucthoritie of the Popes holines, and by ministracion of the same vnto vs, by the most reuerend father in God the lord Cardinal Poole, by dispensation, toleration, or permission respectiue as the case shall requyre, be abolished and taken away, and by aucthoritie sufficient, these articles folowynge, and generally all others, when any occasion shall so requyre, may be provided for, and confyrmed.

Fyrst that al Bysshoprikes, Cathedrall Churches, Hospitalles, Colledges, Scooles, and other such fundacions nowe continuing, made by aucthoritie of parliament, or other wyse established, accordyng to the order of the lawes of this realme sythence the schisme, may be confyrmed and continued for euer.

Item, that marriages made infra gradus prohibitos consanguinitatis, affinitatis, cognationis spiritualis, or which might be made voyd propter impedimentum publicæ honestatis iusticiæ, or for any other cause prohibited by the canons, only may be confyrmed, and children borne of those marriages, declared legitimate, so as those marriages were made accordyng to the lawes of the realme, for the tyme being, and be not directly agaynst the lawes of God, nor in such case as the see apostolike hath not vled to dispence withal.

That institutions of benefices, and other promotions ecclesiasticall, and dispensacions made accordyng to the fourme of the acte of parliament, may be lyke wyse confyrmed.

That all iudiciall processe made before any Ordinaries of this realme, or before any delegats, vpon any appeales, accordyng to the order of the lawes of the realme, may be likewise ratified & confyrmed. And fynally, where certayne actes and statutes haue been made in the

the tyme of the late scisme, concerning the landes, and hereditamentes of Archbishops, and Bishops, the suppression, and dissolution of monasteries, abbeyes, priories, chauntries, colleges, and all other the goodes and cattels of religious houses. Synce the whiche tyme, the ryght and dominion of certayne landes, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattelles, belongyng to the same, be dispersed abroad, and come to the handes and possessions of diuers and sundry persons, who by gyft, purchase, erchaunge, and other meanes, accordyng to the order of the lawes and statutes of this Realme, for the tyme beyng, haue the same. For the auoydyng of all scruples that might growe by any thoccasions aforesayd, or by any other wayes or meanes whatsoeuer: It maye please your maiesties, to be intercessours and mediatours to the sayde most reuerende father Cardinall Poole, that all such causes and quarels by pretence of the sayde scisme, or by any other occasion, or meane whatsoeuer, myght be moued by the Popes holynes, or See Apostolike, or by any other iurisdiction Ecclesiasticall, may be vtterly remoued and taken awaye, so as all persons hauyng sufficient conueyaunce of the sayde lands and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels, as is aforesayde, by the common lawes, actes, or statutes of this realme, maye without scruple of conscience enioy them, without impeachment or trouble, by pretence of any generall counsaile, Canons, or Ecclesiasticall lawes, and cleare from all daungers of the censures of the Church.

AND conformably hereunto, the Bishoppes and Clergie of the prouince of Canturbury, haue presented to your Maiesties a supplication, in this tenour that foloweth.

Nos Episcopi, & clerus Cantuariensis prouinciæ in hac Synodo more nostro solito, dum regni parliamentum celebratur, congregati, cum omni debita humilitate, & reuerentia exponimus maiestatibus vestris, quod licet Ecclesiarum, quibus in Episcopos, Decanos, Archidiaconos, Rectores, & Vicarios præfecti sumus, & animarum, quæ nobis & curæ nostræ subiectæ sunt, & earundem bonorum, iurisdictionum, & iurium ex sacrorum Canonum dispositione, defensores, & curatores constituti sumus, & propterea ipsarum bona, iurisdictiones, & iura in pernicioso huius regni præterito schismate deperdita, & amissa, omni studio, & totis nostris viribus recuperare, & ad pristinum Ecclesiarum ius reuocare, iuris remedijs niti deberemus: nihilominus tamen habito prius per nos super hac re maturo consilio, & deliberatione, ingenue fatemur nos optime cognoscere, quàm hæc bonorum Ecclesiasticorum difficilis, & quasi impossibilis esset recuperatio propter multiplices, ac pene inextricabiles super his habitos, contractus & dispositiones, & quod si ea tentaretur, quies, & tranquillitas regni facile perturbaretur, & vnitas Ecclesiæ Catholicæ, quæ iam pietate, & auctoritate maiestatum vestrarum hoc in regno introducta est, cum maxima difficultate

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suum debitum progressum, & finem sortiri posset. Ideo nos bonum, & quietem publicam priuatis commoditatibus, & salutem tot animarum pretioso Christi sanguine redemptarum terrenis bonis antepponentes, & non quæ nostra, sed quæ Iesu Christi sunt quærentes. Maiestates vestras enixe rogamus, eisq; humiliter supplicamus, vt reuerendissimo in Christo patri, domino Reginaldo Cardinalo Polo, ad ipsas, & vniuersū hoc Angliæ regnum sanctissimi domini nostri, domini Iulij, Papæ tertij, & apostolicæ sedes de latere legato, hæc nomine nostro insinuari, & apud eum intercedere dignentur, vt in his bonis Ecclesiasticis in parte, vel in toto arbitrio suo iuxta facultates sibi ab eodem sanctissimo domino nostro Papa concessas, eorundum bonorum detentoribus elargiendis, & relaxandis publicum bonum priuato, pacem, & tranquillatē dissidiis, & perturbationibus; atq; animarum salutē bonis terrenis præferre, & antepondere velit. Nos enim in omnibus, quæ ab ipso legato statuta, & ordinata circa hæc bona fuerint exnunc, prout extunc, & contra concessum nostrum præstamus, imo etiam vt in premissis se difficile, aut restrictum redere non velit, maiestates vestræ nostro nomine eum hortari, & rogare dignabuntur. Insuper maiestatibus vestris supplicamus pro sua pietate efficere dignetur, vt ea quæ ad iurisdictionem nostram, & libertatem Ecclesiasticam pertinent. sine quibus debitum nostri pastoralis officij, & curæ animarum nobis cōmissæ exercere non possumus, vobis superiorum temporum iniuria ablata restituantur, & ea nobis, & Ecclesiæ perpetuo illēsa & salua permaneant, & vt omnes leges, quæ hanc nostram iurisdictionē, & libertatem Ecclesiasticam tollunt, seu quouis modo impediunt, abrogentur ad honorem dei, & maiestatum vestrarum, & vniuersi huius regni spirituale, & tēporale commodum, & salutē, certam spem etiam habentes, maiestates vestras, pro sua singulari in ipsum deum pietate, proq; multis, & insignibus ab ipso dei bonitate acceptis beneficijs, necessitatibus, & in cōmodis huius sui regni Ecclesiarum maxime curam animarum habentium nunquam defuturas esse, sed prout opus fuerit, consulturas, atque prouisuras.

For as muche as the sayde moste reuerende father, the lord legat, at the intercession of your maiesties, hath by the auctoritie of the see apostolike, sufficiently dispensed in the matters specified in the sayde seuerall supplications, as in his sayde letters of dispensation is conteyned more at large. The tenor whereof ensueth.

Reginaldus miseratione diuina sanctæ Mariæ in Cosmodin sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ, Diaconis, Cardinalis Polus nūcupatus, ad serenissimos Philippum & Mariam, Angliæ reges, fidei defēsores, & vniuersum Angliæ regnum, sanctissimi dominæ nostræ Papæ, & sedes apostolicę de latere legatus eisdem serenissimis Philippo & Mariæ regibus salutem in domino sempiternam. Cum supremum consilium istius regni parliamentum nuncupatum maiestatibus vestris, per suos supplices libellos exposuisset, quod perniciosissimo schismate, in hoc regno aliās vigēte, quod

quod nunc dei misericordia, & maiestatum vestrarum pietate extinctum est, auctoritatē ipsius parliamenti nonnulli Episcopatus diuisi, & ex his aliquę inferiores Ecclesię, in Cathedralis arrestę, & scholę, atq; hospitalia fundata, nec non plurimę dispēsationes, & beneficiorum prouisiones facta fuerunt, ac multę personę quibus persuasum fuerat, iuris Canonici dispositiones hoc in regno amplius locum non habere, inter se in gradibus consanguinitatis, vel affinitatis, de iure prohibitis, & alijs impedimentis Canonicis sibi obstantibus, matrimonia per verba de presenti contraxerunt, & multis actus iudicarij, & processus, tam in primis, quam vltioribus instantijs super rebus spiritualibus, & Ecclesiasticis coram iudicibus, tam ordinarijs, quam delegatis, qui auctoritate laicale procedebant, habiti & seruati, ac super eis etiam sententię latę, & promulgatę fuerunt, & bona Ecclesiastica per diuersas eiusdem regni personas occupata, & apprehensa fuerunt. Quę quidem licet ex sacrorum Canonum institutis irriti declarari possent, tamē si ad alium statum, quam in quo nunc sunt reuocaretur, publica pax, & quies vniuersi regni turbaretur, & maxima confusio oriretur, presertim si dictorum bonorum possessores molestarentur: & propterea maiestatibus vestris humiliter supplicauerint, vt apud nos intercedere dignentur, vt premissarum rerum firmitati, & stabilitati, & simul huius regni quieti, & tranquillitati, de benignitate apostolica prouidere velimus. Cumq; Episcopi quoq;, deinde ac reliquus prouincię Cantuariensis Clerus totum fere corpus Ecclesiasticorum regni repręsentēt, ad quos hęc bonorum Ecclesiasticorum causa maxime pertinet, exposuerint, qd hęc bona ad ius Ecclesiarū reuocare non possunt, quin pax vniuersalis, & quies huius regni turbetur, & causa fidei, atq; vnitatis Ecclesię, iam tota omnium cōsensu hoc in regno introducta, in maximum periculū adducatur, & propterea ipsi quoq; supplicauerint, vt apud nos intercedere velint, vt in his bonis Ecclesiasticis possessoribus relaxandis restricti, & difficiles esse nollemus, maiestates autem vestrę, ad quas maxime spectat prouidere, vt regnum ipsarū potestati, regimini, & curę commissum in pace, & tranquillitate cōseruetur. His supplicationibus, & postulatis cognitis, & mature cōsideratis, iudicauerint ea omnia, & maxime illa, quę in bonorū Ecclesiasticorū causa petuntur, pro causa fidei, & pro pace publica, per nos debere sine vlla dilacione cōcedi, & quēmadmodū rogatę fuerunt, apud nos intercedere dignatę fuerint, prout in supplicationibus per idem supremum consilium, & Episcopos, ac clerum pręfatū maiestatibus vestris porrectis, atq; in libello intercessionis per easdē maiestates vestras nobis simul cum alijs supplicationibus exhibito, latius apparet. Idcirco nos qui ad maiestates vestras, & hoc nobilissimum vestrū regnū a sanctissimo domino nostro Iulio, Papa tertio, ipsius & sedis apostolicę de latere legati missi sumus, vt regnum istud, qd iam diu ab Ecclesię catholicę vnitates separatum fuerat, deo, & Ecclesię Christi, eiusq; in terris vicario reconciliaremus, & vt ea omnia, quę ad pacem, & tranquillitatē huius regni pertinerent, omni studio procuraremus, postquam dei

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benignitate, & maiestatem vestrarum pietate, p. auctoritatem eiusdem sanctissimi Dom. nostri Papæ, cuius vices hic sustinemus, reconciliatio iam facta est, ut paci, & tranquillitati regni præfati consulamus, atq; ut unitas Ecclesiæ, ex qua salus tot animarum precioso Christi sanguine redemptarum dependet, hoc in regno iam introducta corroboretur, & salua permaneat, cum utriusq; rei stabilitatem in eo maxime consistere, si horum Ecclesiasticorum bonorum possessoribus molestia nulla inferatur, quo nimis ea teneant, tot & tam graua testimonia nobis fidē faciant, & maiestatem vestrarum intercessio, quæ p. unitate Ecclesiæ, & sedis apostolicæ auctoritate hoc in regno instauranda tam studiose, & tam pie elaborarunt, eam quam par est auctoritatem apud nos habeat, & ut vniuersum hoc regnum sedis apostolicæ maternam vere indulgentiam, & charitatem erga se agnoscat, & re ipsa experiatur: quoscunq; ad quos infra scripta pertinent, a quibusuis excommunicationis, suspensionis, & interdicti, alijsq; Ecclesiasticis sententijs, censuris & poenis a iure vel ab homine, quauis occasione, vel causa latis, si quibus quomodo liber innodati existunt, ad effectum presentium dumtaxat consequendum horum serie absoluētes, & absolutos fore coconsentes auctoritate apostolica, p. literas sanct. Dom. nostri, Dom. Iulij Papæ tertij nobis concessa, & qua fungimur in hac parte, tenore presentium dispensamus, q. omnes & singule cathedralium Ecclesiarum erectiones, hospitalium, & scholarum fundationes tempore preteriti schismatis, licet de facto, & nulliter attentatæ in eo statu, in quo nunc sunt, perpetuo, firmæ, & stabiles permaneant, illisq; apostolicæ firmitatis robur adiicimus, ita ut non ea auctoritate, qua prius, sed ea, quam nunc eis tribuimus factæ ab omnibus cēseatur, & cum omnibus & singulis personis regni predicti, quæ in aliquo cōsanguinitatis, vel affinitatis gradu etiam multiplici, vel cognationis spiritualis, seu publicæ honestatis iusticiæ impedimento de iure positiuo introductis, & in quibus sanctissimus Dom. noster Papa dispensare cōsuevit matrimonia scienter, vel ignoranter de facto contraxerint, ut aliquo impedimento premissorum non obstante in eorum matrimonijs, sic cōtractis libere, & licite remanere, seu illa de nouo contrahere possint; misericorditer in dom. dispensamus, prole susceptā, suscipiendam legitimā, decernentes, ita tamen ut qui scienter & maliciose cōtraxerint, à sententia excommunicationis, & ab incestus, seu sacrilegij reatu, absolutionē a suo ordinario, vel curato, quibus id faciendi facultatē concedimus, obtineant, ac omnes Ecclesiasticas, seculares, seu quorumuis ordinum regulares personas quæ aliquas impetrationis, dispensationes, concessiones, gratias, & indulta, tam ordines, quam beneficia Ecclesiastica, seu alias spirituales materias pretēsa auctoritate supremiatis Ecclesiæ, Anglicanæ, licet nulliter & de facto obtinuerint, & ad cor reuersæ Ecclesiæ unitati restitutæ fuerint, in suis ordinib. & beneficijs p. nos ipsos, seu à nobis ad id deputatos, misericorditer recipiemus, prout iam multæ receptæ fuerunt, secūq; super his oportune in Dom. dispensabimus, ac omnes processus in quibusuis instatijs corā quibusuis iudicibus, tam ordinarijs, quā delegatis
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laicis super materijs spiritualibus habitos, & formatos, & ſententias super eis latas, licet nulliter, & de facto, quo ad nullitatem ex defectu iurisdictionis præfato tantum insurgentem ſanamus, illoſq; & illas aucthoritate apoſtolica confirmamus. Ac quibuscumque huius regni perſonis, ad quarum manus bona Eccleſiaſtica ex quocunq; contractu, ſeu titulo oneroſo, vel lucratiuo iam deuenerint, illaq; tenuerint, ſeu etiam teneant, omnes, & quoscunq; fructus ex eiſdē bonis, licet indebite perceptos, in totum remittimus, & relaxamus, volentes, ac decernentes, q̃ dictorum bonorum Eccleſiaſticorum tam mobilium, quam immobilium poſſeſſores præfati non poſſint in præſenti, nec in poſterum, ſeu ꝑ conſiliorum generalium, vel prouincialium diſpoſitiones, ſeu decretales Romanarum pontificum Epiſtolas, ſeu aliam quancunq; cēſuram Eccleſiaſticam in dictis bonis, ſeu eorundē poſſeſſione moleſtari, inquietari, vel ꝑtubari, nec eis aliqua cēſuræ, vel poenæ Eccleſiaſticæ propter huiusmodi detētionem, ſeu non reſtitutionem irrogari, vel infligi, & ſic ꝑ quoscunq; iudices, & auditores ſublata eis quauis aliter iudicandi, & interpretandi facultate, & aucthoritate iudicare, & diffinire debere, & quicquid ſecus attemptari contigerit, irritum, & inane fore decernimus, non obſtantibus præmiſſis defectibus, & quibuscumque apoſtolicis, ac in prouincialibus, & ſynodabilis conſilijs editis, ſpecialibus vel generalibus conſtitutionibus, & ordinationibus, cœterisq; contrarijs quibuscunq;. Admonemus tamen cum deuiſo Epiſcopatum, & erectio cathedralium Eccleſiarum ſint de maioribus cauſis, quæ ſummo pontifici ſunt reſeruata recurrentum eſſe ad ſuam ſanctitatem, & ab ea ſuppliciter poſtulandum, vt hæc cōfirmare, ſeu de nouo facere dignetur. Et licet omnes res mobiles Eccleſiarum indiſtincte eis, qui eas reſent relaxauerimus, eos tamē admonitos eſſe volumus, vt aut oculos habentes diuini iudicii ſeueritatem contra Balthaſarem regem Babylonis, qui vaſa ſacra non a ſe, ſed a patre e templo ablata in prophanos uſus conuertit, ea propriis eccleſiis ſi extant, vel aliis reſtituant. Hortantes etiam, per viſcera miſerecordiæ Ieſu Chriſti obteſtantes eos omnes, quos hæc res tangit, vt ſalutis ſuæ non omnino immemores, hoc ſaltem efficiant, vt ex bonis eccleſiaſticis, maxime ijs quæ ratione perſonatum, & vicariatuum populi miniſtrorum ſuſtentatio fuerint ſpecialiter deſtinata, ſeu alijs cathedralibus, & alijs quæ nunc extant, inferioribus eccleſiis curam animarū exercentibus, ita prouideatur, vt earum paſtores, perſonæ & vicarij commodè, & honeſte iuxta eorum qualitatem, & ſtatum ſuſtentari poſſint, & curam animarum laudabiliter exercere, & onera incumbētia congrue ſupportare. Datum Lambeth prope Londinum, Vintonien Dioceſ. Anno natiuitatis domini Milleſimo, quingenteſimo, quinquageſimo quarto. Nono Cal. Ianuarij, Pontif. Sanctiſſimo patris, & Domini noſtri, domini Iulij diuina prouidentia Papæ tertij, Anno quinto.

Reginaldus Cardinalis Polus, Legatus.

we the ſayde lordes ſpirituall and temporal, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, rendring moſt humble thanks to your

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Majesties, by whose intercession and meanes we haue obteyned the sayde dispensations of the Popes holinesse by the sayd most reuerende father in God his legate, most humbly beseecheth the same, that it may be ordeyned as foloweth.

And therfore be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that al and synghuler articles & clauses conteyned in the sayd dispensation, as well touchyng the establisshment of Bysshoprikes, & Cathedral churches, as also the confyrmations of marriages in degrees prohibited by the Canons of the Churche, the legitimation of chyl-dren, and the ratification of procelle, and of sentences in matters Ecclesiasticall, touchyng the inualiditie of them for want of iurisdiction, and the institutions and destitutions, of, and in benefices and promotions Ecclesiasticall, dispensations, and graces, geuen by suche order, as the publique lawes of the realme then approued, & al other thyngs befoze conteyned in the said letters of dispensations, shal remayne and be reputed and taken, to al intentes and constructions in the lawes of this realme, lawfull, good, and effectuell to be alleaged and pleaded in all courtes Ecclesiasticall and Temporal, for good and sufficient matter, eyther for the playntiffe or defendaunt, without any allegation or obiection to be made agaynst the validitie of them, by pretence of any general counsaile, canon, or decree to the contrary made, or to be made in that behalfe.

And whereas diuers and sundry late Monasteries, Priories, Commaundries, Nunneries, Deaneries, Prebendes, Colledges, Hospitales, houses of Fryers, Chauntries, and other religious and Ecclesiasticall houses and places, and the manours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, rectories, tythes, pensions, portions, vicarages, Churches, Chappelles, aduousons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuerfions, seruices, and other possessions, and hereditamentes to the sayde late Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Chauntries, Prebendes, houses of Fryers, Colledges, Hospitales, and other religious and Ecclesiasticall houses & places, and sundry Archbysshoprikes, and Bysshoprikes within this realme, late apparteynyng and belongyng, came as well to the handes and possession of the sayde kyng of famous memorie, Henrie the eyght, father vnto your Maiestie, our sayde soueraigne ladie, by dissolution, gyft, graunt, surrender, attainder, or other wyse, as also to the handes and possessions of diuers and sundry other persons, & bodies politike and corporate, by sundry meanes, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, accordyng to the order of the lawes and statutes of this realme.

And where also diuers manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditaments, parcel of the possessions of Archbysshoprikes and Bysshoprikes, and many and sundry late Deaneries, Colledges, Chauntries, Rectories, Prebendes, free Chappelles, Guyldes, and fraternities, Manours,

nours, houses, graunges, landes, tenementes, rentes, seruices, and other Ecclesiasticall possessions, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattelles to the sayde Archbysshoprikes, Bysshoprikes, Deaneries, Colleges, Chauntries, free Chappelles, Rectories, Guydes, and Fraternities late apparteynyng and belongyng or appoyntyng, to, and for the syndyng of Priestes, Dbytes, lyghtes, or other lyke purpose, came as well to the handes and possession of the late noble kyng Edward the syrth, brother vnto your Maiesties soueraigne ladie, by vertue of an acte of parliament thereof made, or other wyse, as also to the handes & possessions of diuers & sundry other persons, and bodyes politike and corporate, by sundry meanes, conueyaunces, and assuraunces, according to the order of the lawes of this realme, a great number of which sayd late Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colleges, Hospitales, Prebendes, Chauntries, free Chappelles, Guydes, and Fraternities, and the manours, graunges, messuages, landes, tenementes, rentes, reuerfions, seruices, tythes, pensions, portions, vicarages, churches, chappelles, aduoufons, nominations, patronages, annuities, & hereditaments, goodes and cattels to the sayde Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colleges, Hospitales, Chauntries, free Chappelles, Guydes, Fraternities, and other Ecclesiasticall houses, Archbysshoprikes, & Bysshoprikes, belongyng, as wel for great summes of money, as for other good and reasonable causes and consyderations, haue ben conueyed and assured to diuers the subiectes and bodyes politike of this realme, as well by the sayd kyng Henrie the eight, the sayd kyng Edward the syth, & by your hyghnesse our soueraigne ladie, & ioynly both by your Maiesties, as also by diuers the owners of the said Ecclesiasticall possessions, whiche sayde conueyaunces and assuraunces by their sundry letters patentes, and other wyptynges, more playnely doo and may appeare. For as much as the sayde most reuerende father hath also by the sayde dispensations, remoued and taken away all matter of impeachment, trouble, and daunger, whiche by occasion of any generail counsaile, canon, or decree Ecclesiasticall, myght touche and disquiet the possessions of suche goodes mooueable, landes, tenementes, possessions, and hereditamentes, as were of late belongyng to any of the sayd Archbysshoprikes, Bysshoprikes, Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colleges, Chauntries, Prebendes, Rectories, Hospitales, houses of Fryers, or other religious and Ecclesiasticall houses and places, of what nature, name, kynde, or qualitie so euer they be of: Yet for all that the tytle of al landes, possessions, and hereditamentes in this your Maiesties realme and dominions, is grounded in the lawes, statutes, and customes of the same, and by your hygh iurisdiction, auctoritie royall, and crowne imperiall, and in your courtes onely to be impleaded, ordered, tryed, and iudged, and none other wyse:

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and vnderstanding, that the whole, full, and moſte gracious intentes, mind, and determination of your moſt excellent maiesties be, that all & euery person and persons, bodieſ politike and corporate, their heyres, ſucceſſours, and assignes, and euery of them, ſhal haue, keepe, reſeyne, and enioy al and euery their eſtates, ryghtes, poſſeſſions, & interreſtes, that they and euery of them nowe hath, or hereafter ſhall haue, of, and in all and euery the manours, graunges, meſſuages, landes, tenementes, tythes, pentionſ, portions, aduouſons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuerſions, ſeruices, hundzedes, wapentakes, liberties, fraunchiſes, and other the poſſeſſions and hereditamentes of the ſaide Monasteries, Abbeyes, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colledges, Prebendes, Hoſpitalles, houſes of Fryers, Chauntries, Rectories, Vicareges, Churches, Chappelles, Archbiſhoprikes, and Biſhoprikes, and other religious or Eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, or of any of them within this Realme, or the dominions of the ſame, by ſuche lawes and ſtatutes as were in force before the fyrſt day of this preſent Parliament, and by other lawfull conueyauce to them thereof made.

That it may be therefore enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that as well your Maieſtie our ſoueraigne Ladie, your heyres and ſucceſſours, as alſo all and euery other person and persons, bodieſ politike and corporate, their heyres, ſucceſſours, and assignes, nowe hauing, or that hereafter ſhal haue, hold, or enioy any of the ſcites of the ſayde late Monasteries, and other the religious or Eccleſiaſticall houſes or places, & al the ſayd manours, graunges, meſſuages, landes, tenementes, tythes, pentionſ, portions, glebelandes, aduouſons, nominations, patronages, annuities, rentes, reuerſions, ſeruices, hundzedes, wapentakes, liberties, fraunchiſes, profytes, commodities, and other the poſſeſſions and hereditamentes of the ſaid late Monasteries, Abbeyes, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Colledges, Prebendes, Hoſpitalles, houſes of Fryers, Rectories, Vicareges, Chauntries, Churches, Chappelles, Archbiſhoprikes, Biſhoprikes, and other religious and Eccleſiaſticall houſes and places, or any of them, of what name, nature or kynde ſo euer they be, ſhall haue, holde, poſſeſſe, reſeyne, keepe, and enioy al and euery the ſayd ſcites, manours, graunges, meſſuages, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, profytes, commodities, and other hereditamentes, according to ſuche interreſtes and eſtates, as they and euery of them nowe haue or holde, or hereafter ſhall haue or holde of and in the ſame by due order and courſe of the lawes and ſtatutes of this Realme, which nowe be, or were ſtandynge in force before the fyrſte day of this preſent Parliament, in maner and fourme as they ſhoulde haue doone yf this acte had neuer been had ne made: This acte, or any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary in any wiſe, not withſtandynge.

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Sauyng to you our sayde Soueraigne Ladie, your heyres and successours, and euery of them, and to all and euery other person and persons, subiectes of this Realme, and bodyes politike and corporate, and to their heyres and successours, and to the heyres and successours of all and euery of them, other then suche whose ryght, tittle, or interest is bounded or taken away, vndone, or extinct by any act of parliament heretofore made, or other wyse all suche ryght, tittle, clayme, possession, interestes, rentes, annuities, commodities, commons, offices, fees, leases, lyueries, lyuynges, pensions, portions, debtes, dueties, and other profytes whiche they or any of them lawfully haue, or of ryght ought to haue, or myght haue had, in, of, or to any of the premises, or in, of, or to any part or parcell thereof, in such lyke maner, sournie, and condition, to al intentes, respectes, constructions, and purposes, as yf this act had neuer been had ne made.

And that it may be further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery article, clause, sentence, and prouiso, conceyned or specified in any acte or actes of Parliament concernyng or touchyng the assurance or conueyaunce of any the sayde Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, Prebendes, Colledges, Chauntries, Hospitalles, houses of Fryers, Rectories, Vicareges, Churches, Chapples, Archbishoprikes, and Bysshoprikes, and other religious and Ecclesiastical houses & places, or any of them, in any wyse concernyng any manours, landes, tenementes, profytes, commodities, hereditamentes, or other the thynges before specified to the sayde kyng Henrie the eyght, or kyng Edward the syrth, or eyther of them, or any other person or persons, or body politike or corporate, and euery of them, and al and euery wryting, dede, and instrument, concernyng the assurance of any the same, shal stande, remayne, and be in as good force, effect, and strength, and shalbe pleaded and taken aduauntage of, to all intentes, constructions, & purposes, as the same should, myght, or coule haue been by the lawes & statutes of this Realme, in case this present acte had neuer been had ne made.

And that all feoffamentes, fynes, surrenders, forfeitures, assurances, conueyaunces, estates, and interestes, in any wyse conueyed, had, or made to our sayde late soueraigne Lorde kyng Henrie the eight, or to our sayde late soueraigne Lorde kyng Edward the syrth, or eyther of them, or to any other person or persons, bodyes politike or corporate, or to any of them, by dede or dedes, act or actes, or parliament, or otherwise of any of the scites, manours, landes, tenementes, possessions, profits, comodities, or hereditaments of any of the said Archbishoprikes, Bysshoprikes, late Monasteries, Priories, Nunneries, Commaundries, Deaneries, houses of Fryers, Colledges, Chauntries, Hospitalles, Prebendes, free Chappelles, or of any manours, landes, tenementes, reuertions, seruices, tythes, pensions, portions, annuities, or of any

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any other hereditamentes, of, by, or from any Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall person or persons, or by or from any Spirituall or Ecclesiastical corporation, or body politike, shalbe as good and auailable in the lawe, to al intents, constructions, and purposes, as they were by the lawes and statutes of this realme standyng in force before the fyrst day of this present parliament: And that the same may and shalbe pleaded, alleaged, and taken aduantage of, in suche sort, & to such effect, as they should, coulde, or myght haue been by the lawes and statutes of this realme standyng in force before the sayde fyrst day of this present parliament: and that all and euery clause and article of sayyng, conteyned in al and euery the sayde actes and statutes, shal stande, remaine, and be in suche force, strength, and effect, as they were before the sayde fyrst day of this present parliament: any thing conteyned in this present act to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstanding.

And that it may be in lyke maner enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that whosoever shall by any processe obtained out of any Ecclesiasticall court within this realme, or without, or by pretence of any Spirituall iurisdiction, or otherwise, contrary to the lawes of this realme, inquiet or molest any person or persons, or body politike, for any of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, or thynges aboue specified, contrary to the wordes, sentences, and meaning of this act, shal incurre the danger of the acte of premynure, made in the .xxvi. yere of King Richard the seconde, and shall suffer and incurre the forfeitures and paynes conteyned in the same.

Provided alway, that it shall and may be lawfull to any person or persons, body politike and corporate, to sue in any competent, Ecclesiasticall, or Spirituall court within this realme, for tythes, ryghtes, and dueties, that they or any of them shal pretende to haue, of, or out of any the saide manours, landes, tenementes, and other the premises, and to haue ful & perfect memorie of the same, in suche maner and fourme, as they or any of them myght, or ought to haue done, or had by the lawes and statutes of this realme, before the making of this act, & as though this act had neuer been had or made.

And that it may be further provided and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that albeit the tytle or stile of supremacie, or supreme head of the Church of England and of Ireland, or eyther of them, neuer was ne could be iustly or lawfully attributed or knowledged to any King or Soueraigne Gouvernour of this Realme, nor in any wyse coulde, or myght ryghtfully, iustly, or lawfully by any King or Soueraigne Gouvernour of this Realme be claymed, chalenged, or bled: Yet for as much as the said title and stile, sythence the thyrde day of Nouember, in the .xxvi. yere of the raigne of the sayde King Henrie the eight, hath been bled, and is mentioned, and conteyned in diuers and sundry wyttes, letters patentes, recozdes, exemplifications, courte rolles,

les, charters, deedes, instrumentes, evidences, booke, & writynges: It shalbe lawfull as well to and for your maiesties, and your soueraine ladies heires and successours, as to and for euery other person and persons, and bodyes politike and corporate, at all tyme and tymes hereafter, to haue, reteyne, and keepe the sayd wryttes, letters patentes, recordes, exemplifications, court rolles, charters, deedes, instrumentes, evidences, booke, and wrytynges, and them to shew, exhibite, vse, alleadge, and pleade, in all tymes and places requisite or needefull, without any danger, penaltie, losse, forfeyture, trouble, vexation, or impeachment for the same: any thyng in this acte, or in any other acte or actes to the contrary thereof in any wise, notwithstanding.

And where your highnesse soueraine ladie, since your comyng to the crowne of this realme, of a good and Christian conscience omitted to wryte the sayde style of supremacie, specified in one acte made in the parliament holden at Westmynster by prouocation in the xxxv. yere of the raigne of your late father kyng Henrie the eyght, as well in gyltes, grauntes, letters patentes, as in commissions, and other wrytynges: and also other haue in their wrytynges doone the same, as well in your tyme, as before. And for as muche as notwithstanding any lawe made concernyng the sayde style of supremacie, it was in the free choise, libertie, & pleasure of the kyng of this realme, and of your highnes, whether ye would expresse the same in the said style or not:

Be it therefore declared & enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that al grauntes, letters patentes, commissions, indictmentes, recordes, and wrytynges, made in your our soueraine ladies name, or in the names of your soueraine lord and ladie, or any other wherein the saide style of supremacie is omitted, is, & shalbe to al intentes and purposes, as good and effectual, as yf the same had ben therein expressed, and may be deteyned, kept, pleaded, and alleaged, without any danger, payne, penaltie, or forfeyture to ensue to any person or persons, or body politike, for, or concerning the omission of the same style, or any part thereof in any suche wrytynges, & that no person, ne persons shalbe impeached, molested, or damnified, for, or by reason of any suche omission.

And where in an acte of parliament made since the sayde. xx. yere of king Henrie theight, al bulles, dispensations, & wrytinges, which were before that tyme obtained from the see of Rome, should be void, abolished, & extinguished, with a clause neuerthelesse that the matter of them, by vertue of letters patentes from the kyng then being, should and myght be alleadged, pleaded, and allowed, as yf the same had not been so abolished and extinguished: for as much as the sayd act is here before amongst other repealed and made voyde,

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Be it therefore enacted by aucthoritie of this present parliament, that all Bulles, dispensations, and priuileges obteyned before the sayde .xx. yere, or at any tyme sithence, or whiche shal hereafter be obteyned of the See of Rome, not conteynynge matter contrary, or prejudicial to thaaucthoritie, dignitie, or preheminence royall, or imperial of the realme, or to the lawes of this realme, now being in force, and not in this parliament repealed, may be put in execution, vsed, and alleaged in any court within this realme, or els where, whether the same remaine yet whole, or can appeare to haue ben cancelled, in this valeable and effectual manner, to al intentes, and purposes, as if the said act had neuer ben had or made: Any obiection by pretence of extingwishment, or cancellynge of the sayde Bulles, dispensations, or priuileges, or of anye other matter or cause by the pretence of the lawes of this realme whatsoeuer, in any wyse notwithstanding.

And whereas by dissolution of monasteries, and other religious houses, certayne parishe churches and chappels, whiche were before exempt from the iurisdiction of the Archbishop and Bysshop of the diocesse, and by special exemption and priuilege from Rome, were vnder the gouernment and order of the Abbots and Priours of those religious houses, whiche sayd churches by colour of the said exemptions, be now of special graunt from king Henry, and king Edward, vnder the rule and gouernment and iurisdiction of temporall and laye men, who can no more enioy that supremacie ouer those particular churches, then the king might ouer the whole realme:

Be it therefore enacted, that al Archbishops and Bishops in theyr diocesse, and all other spirituall person and persons hauynge iurisdiction, and theyr ministers and officers, and no laye person or persons, in euery church and place within the precinct of the same, beyng exempt, or not exempt, may freely and without impediment, execute theyr spirituall iurisdiction in all poyntes and articles, as though no such exemption or graunt had neuer ben made.

Provided alway, and be it enacted, that this acte extende not to take away or diminishe the priuileges of the Vniuersitie of Cambridge and Oxford, ne the priuileges or prerogatiues graunted heretofore to the churches of Westminster and Windsor, ne the Towre of London, ne prejudicial to such temporall Lordes and possessioners in this realme, as by auncient custome haue enioyed probate of Testamentes, of theyr tenantes or other.

And forasmuch as after this reconciliation, and vnitie of this noble realme to the body of Christes church, it is to be trusted, that by the aboundaunce of Gods mercy and grace, deuotion shall encrease and grow in the hartes of many the subiectes of this realme, with desyre to geue and bestow theyr worldly possessions for the resuscitating of almes, prayer, and example of good life in this realme, to thinc

lent suche godly motions and purposes shoulde be aduanced:

Be it therefore enacted by aucthoritie of this present parliament, that it shalbe lawfull to such as shalbe seased of any manours, lands, tenementes, personages, tithes, pentiones, portions, or other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, in fee simple, in possession, reuertion, or remainder, in theyr owne rightes, not beyng copy holde, may thereof make feoffamentes, grauntes, or any other assuraunces, or by his last wyl and Testament in wytyng, may bequeath and geue in fee symple, al and euery the said manours, landes, tenementes, personages, tithes, pentiones, portions, or other hereditamentes, to any spirituall bodye politike or corporate, in this realme or dominions of the same, nowe erected or founded, or hereafter to be erected or founded, without any licence of moztmayne therein to be obtayned, or any wyte of ad quod damnum to be sued out for the same, the acts de terris ad manum mortuam non ponendis, or any other act or statute heretofore had or made, in any wyse not withstandyng.

Sauyng to the Lordes of the fee, al rentes, seruices, due or goyng out of any of the sayd land or tenementes, or hereditamentes, so to be amortized, as is aforesayde.

Provided alway, that this clause of this acte, for geuyng the libertie of or for the amortizyng of landes or tenementes, shall continue for and duryng the space of .xx. yeres next and immediatly folowing, and no lenger.

And forasmuch as we your maiesties humble and obedient subjectes, the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, neyther by the makyng or delyueryng of either the supplications aforesayde, nor by any clause, article, or sentence thereof, or of any other clause, article, or sentence of this or any other Statute, or any of the preambles of the same, made, or agreed vpon in this session of this present parliament, by any maner of interpretation, construction, implication, or other wyse, intend to derogate, impayre, or deminish any of the prerogatiues, liberties, fraunchises, preheminences, or iurisdiccions of your crowne Imperiall of this realme, and other the dominions to the same belonging, we do most humbly beseeche your maiesties, that it may be declared, and ordayned: And be it enacted and declared by aucthoritie of this present parliament, that neither the makyng, exhibitynge, or insertyng in this present statute, or in the preambles of the same, of the supplications or promise aforesayde, or eyther of them, nor any other thing or thinges, wordes, sentences, clauses or articles in the preambles or bodie of the actes aforesayde, shalbe construed, vnderstanded, or expounded to derogate, deminish, or take away any the liberties, priuileges, prerogatiues, preheminences, aucthorities, or iurisdiccions, or any part or parcel therof, which were in your imperial crowne of this realme,

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or did belong to your sayde imperiall crowne the twentieth yere of the raigne of yours the Queenes maiesties moste noble father, or any other your moste noble progenitours, before the said twentieth yere, and the Popes holines, and See Apostolicke, to be restored, and to haue and enioye suche auctoritie, preheminence, and iurisdiction, as his holynes bled, and exercised, or myght lawfully haue bled and exercised by auctoritie of his supremacie, the sayde twentieth yere of the raigne of the kyng your father, within this your realme of Englande & other your dominions, without diminution or enlargement of the same, and none other: And the Ecclesiastical iurisdiction of the Archbischoppes, Bischoppes, and Ordinaries, to be in the same state, for proceste of suites, punishment of crimes, and execution of censures of the church, with knowledge of causes belonging to the same, and as large in these poyntes, as the sayde iurisdiction was the sayde .xx. yere.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by th auctoritie aforesayde, that in and upon euery suche gyftes and deuises, to be made to suche spirituall corporations, or persons as is aforesayde, the donor, feoffer, or diuisor thereof, may reserve to hym, and to his heyres for ever, a tenure in franke almayne, or a tenure by deuine seruice, and to haue all remedies and actions, for and upon the sayde gyftes or deuises, and tenures, in lyke maner and forme, as was bled before the estatute of Westminster thirde (commonly called) *Quia emptoris terrarum*: The sayde estatute, or any other lawe or custome now being to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted, that all and euery person and persons, and bodyes politike and corporate, which now haue, or hereafter shall haue any estate of inheritaunce, freehold, terme, or interest, of, in, or to any portion, pension, tithes, glebelands, or other ecclesiastical or spiritual profit, which by this acte, and letters of dispensation rehearsed in the same, be permitted and suffered to remayne & continue in lay mens possessions, shall and may haue lyke remedye for the recouery of the same, and euery part thereof, as they and euery of them might haue had before the fyfte day of this present Parliament: any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstanding.

An Acte for the punishment of trayterous wordes
agaynst the Queenes Maiestie.

¶ The .ix. Chapter.



As much as now of late, diuers noughty, seditious, malicious, & heretical persons, not hauing the feare of god before their eyes, but in a deuillish sort, contrary to the duty of their allegiance, haue congregated themselves together in conuenticles, in diuers and sundry prophane places within this citie of london, esteeming them selues to be in the true faith, where in dede they are in errors & heresies, & out of the true trade of Christes catholike religion: & in the same places at seuerall times, vsing their phantasticall, and schismaticall seruices, lately taken away, and abolished by auctoritie of parliament, haue of their most malicious and cankered stomakes, prayed agaynst the Queenes maiestie, that God would turne her hart from idolatrie to the true fayth, or els to shorten her dayes, or take her quicklie out of the waye: which prayer was neuer hearde nor read to haue beene vsed by any good Christian manne, agaynst anye Prince, though he were a pagan and infidell, and much lesse agaynst any christian Prince, and especially so vertuous a prince, as our so- ueraigne Ladye that nowe is knowne to be, whose fayth is and al- wayes hath ben moste true and Catholique, and consonant and a- greeing with Christes Catholique Church, throughout the worlde dispersed.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by the auctoritie of this pre- sent parliament, that euery such person and persons, which since the beginnyng of this present parliament, haue by expresse wordes and sayinges, prayed, required, or desyred as is aforesayde, or hereafter shall pray by expresse wordes or sayinges, that God would shorten her dayes, or take her out of the waye (whose life almightie God long preferue) or any such like malicious prayer, amountyng to the same effect, they? procurers and abettours therein, shalbe taken, reputed, and iudged traytours: and euery suche praying, requirynge, or desy- ring, shalbe iudged, taken, and reputed high treason, and the offen- dours therein, they? procurers and abettours, being thereof lawfull- ly conuicted accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shall haue, suffer, and forfeite, as in cases of high treason.

Provided alway, and be it enacted, that yf anye person or persons shalbe indicted of anye the offences aforesayde, done and perpetrated durynge this session of this present parliament, and upon his or they? arraignment, shall shewe hym or them selues penitent for they? of- fence, and submit hym or them selues to the kyng and queenes mer- cy, and humbly desire the same, before such iustices, or commissioners, before whom he or they shalbe arraigned: that then no iudgement, or conuiction, or attainer of treason shalbe geuen agaynst anye suche person or persons, so beyng penitent, and submitting them selues as is aforesayd. And in euery such case, the Justices, or commissioners

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before whom such person or persons shalbe arraigned, shall haue aucthoritie by vertue of this act, to prescribe, adiudge, and appoynt suche corporal punishment, other then death, to such offender & offenders, as to them by their discretion shall seeme conuenient, and vpon that penaunce prescribed and done, to be discharged of the sayde treason, comprised in that inditement.

An Acte whereby certayne offences be made treason, and also for the gouernment of the Kynges and Queenes Maiesties issue.

The, x, Chapter,



Inasmuch as the great mercie and clemency heretofore declared by the Queenes highnes, in releasyng the penall lawes made by her progenitours, hath geuen occasion to many cankerd and traisterous hartes, to imagin, practise, & attempt things, stirring the people to disobedience, and rebellion against her highnes common policie, and duetie of subiectes, require that some lawe be establisshed, to restrayne the malice of such wicked and euill doers, whereby they may be prohibited to blowe abroad such shameful flanders and lyes, as they dayly inuent & imagine of her highnes, and the kynges maiestie her most lawful husband, which when they be heard, can not be but odible, and detested of all good men, considering they touche their Maiesties, vpon whom dependeth the whole vnitie, and vniuersall wealth of this realme.

In consyderation wherof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng and the queenes maiesties, wyth thassent of the Lordes spiritual and tempoꝛal, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that yf any person or persons after the first day of Februarye next to come, during the mariage betwene the king & the queenes maiesties, do compasse or imagine to depriue the kings maiestie that now is, from the hauing and enioying iointly togeather with the queenes highnes, the stile, honour, and kynglye name of the realmes and dominions vnto our saide soueraigne Lady the Queenes highnes apperteyning, or to destroy the king that now is, during the saide matrimonie, or to destroy the Queenes maiestie that now is, or the heyres of her body begotten, beyng Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, or to leue warre within this Realme of Englande, or within any of the marches of the same, agaynst the kynges maiestie that now is, during the saide mariage, or agaynst the queenes maiestie that now is, or any of her saide heires, being kynges or queenes of this Realme, or to depose the Queenes maiestie that

that now is, or the heyres of her bodye begotten, beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, from the Imperiall crowne of the Realmes and dominions abovesaid. And the same cōpasses, or imaginacions, or any of them, malitiously, aduisedly, and directly, shall, or do utter by open preaching, expresse woordes, or sayinges, or yf any person or persons after the sayd fyrst day of februarye, by preaching, expresse woordes or sayinges, shall malitiously, aduisedly, and directly, say, publicly, declare, maintaine, or holde opinion, that the kynges Maiestie that now is, during the said matrimonie, ought not to haue or enioy ioyntly together with the queenes Maiestie, the style, honour, and kyngly name of this realme, or that any person or persons, being neither the kyng or the queenes Maiesties that now are, during the sayde matrimony betwene them, ought to haue or enioy the style, honour, and kyngly name of this realme, or that the queenes Maiestie that now is, during her lyfe, is not, or of ryght ought not to be queene of this realme, or after her death, that the heyres of her highnes body beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, of right ought not to be kynges or queenes of this realme, or to haue and enioy the same: or that any person or persons, other then the queenes Maiestie that now is, during her life, ought to be queene of this realme, or after her death other then the heyres of her bodye beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, as long as any of her sayd heyres of her bodye begotten shalbe in life, of ryght ought to haue and enioy the imperial crowne of this realme: That then euery suche offendour, beyng thereof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes of this realme, theyr abbettours, procurers, and counsellours, and all, and euery theyr comfortours, knowyng the sayde offences, or any of them to be done, and beyng thereof conuicted or attainted, as is abovesayde, for his or theyr such offence, shall forseyte and lose to the queenes highnes, her heyres and successours, al his and theyr goodes and cattels, and the whole issues and profites of his or theyr landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, for terme of the life of euery such offendour or offendours, and also shal haue, and suffer, during his or their liues, perpetual imprisonment.

Provided alwayes and be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that al and euerye ecclesiasticall person, beyng conuicted or attainted in fourme aforesayd, for euery such his offence, shalbe depriued by the ordinary from his promotion spirituall or ecclesiasticall, in such lyke maner & fourme, that it shalbe lawfull for euery patron, founder, or geuer therof, to present, after suche depriuation had, some one other to the same, as though the sayde offendour or offendours were deceased. And if any person or persons beyng hereafter conuicted, or attainted of any of the sayd offences, in forme aforesayd committed, shal after his or theyr conuiction or attainder, eschones commit, or perpe-

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trate any of the sayde offences, in forme aforesayde: that then euerye suche seconde offence or offences, shalbe deemed, and adiudged hygh treason, and the offendour or offendours therein, theyr abettours, procurers, and counsellors, and all and euery theyr aydours and comforters, knowing the said offences, or any of them to be done, being therof conuicted or attainted, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe iudged and deemed hygh traytors, & shall suffer paynes of death, and lose and forseyt all theyr goods and cattels, landes and tenementes, to the queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes of this realme at this daye of ryght cught to be lost and forseyted.

And be it further enacted by the said aucthoritie, that yf any person or persons at any time after the sayd first day of february next to come, duryng the sayd marriage, compasse or imagine the death of the kynges maiestie that now is, and the same maliciously, aduisedly, and directly shall utter and attempt by any wytyng, prynting, ouert deede or acte: or yf any person or persons at any tyme after the sayd first day of february next comming, shall maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, by wytyng, prynting, ouert deed or act, affirme that the kings Maiestie that now is, duryng the said matrimonie, ought not to haue or enioy ioyntly together with the queenes highnes, the stile, honour, and kyngly name of this realme: or that any person or persons, beyng neyther the kyng or the queenes maiestie that now is, during the said matrimony betwene them, ought to haue and enioy the stile, honour, and kingly name of this realme: or yf any person or persons after the sayde day by any wytyng, prynting, ouert deede or acte, maliciously, aduisedly, and directly affirme, that the queenes Maiestie that now is, duryng her lyfe is not, or ought not to be queene of this realme: or after her death, that the heires of her highnes body beyng kinges or queenes of this realme, of ryght ought not to haue and enioy the imperiall crowne of this realme: or that any person or persons other then the queenes maiestie that now is, duryng her lyfe, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body begotten, beyng kynges or queenes of this realme, as long as any of her sayde heyres of her body shalbe in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue and enioy the imperial crowne of this realme: That then euery such offence, and offences, shalbe adiudged high treason, and the offender & offenders therein, theyr abettors, procurers and counsellors, and all and euery theyr ayders and comforters, knowing the sayde offences, or any of them to be done, beyng therof conuicted or attainted by the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe deemed and adiudged high traytors, and shall suffer paynes of death, and lose and forseyte al theyr goodes and cattels, landes and tenementes, to the queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, as in cases of high treason, as is abouesayde.

And

And albeit, we the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, haue firme hope & confidence in the goodnes of almighty God, that lyke as he hath hitherto miraculously preserved the queenes maiestie from many great and imminent perils and daungers, euen so he wil of his infinit goodnes geue her highnes strength, the rather by our continuall prayers, to passe well the daunger of deliuerance of chylde, wherewith it hath pleased hym (to all our great comfortes) to blesse her. Yet for as much as all thynges of this worlde be vncertayne, and hauyng before our eyes the dolorous experience of the inconstant gouernment durynge the tyme of the raigne of the late kyng Edward the fyrste, do playnly see the manifolde inconueniencies, great daungers and perils that may issue to this whole realme, yf foreyght be not vsed to preuent euill chaunces, yf they should happen. For the eschewing whereof, we the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, for & in consyderation of a most speciall trust and confidence that we haue & repose in the kynges maiestie, for and concernyng the good and politike gouernment, order, and administration of this realme, in the tyme of the young yeres of the issue or issues of her maiesties body to be borne, yf it shoulde please God to call the queenes hyghnes out of this present lyfe, durynge the tender yeres of suche issue or issues (which God forbyd) accordyng to such order and maner as hereafter in this present acte, his hyghnes moste gracious pleasure is, should be declared and set forth: haue made our most humble suite by thassent of the queenes highnes, that his maiestie woulde vouchsafe to accept and take vpon hym the rule, order, education, and gouernment of the sayde issue or issues to be borne as is aforesaid, vpon which our suite being of his said maiestie most graciously accepted, it hath pleased his highnes not onely to declare, that lyke as for the fyrst part his maiestie verily trusteth, that almighty God, who hath hitherto preserved the queenes maiestie, to geue this realme so good an hope of certayne succession in the blood royal of y^e same realme: wil assist her highnes with his graces & benedictions to see the fruite of her body well brought forth, liue and able to gouerne, whereof neyther al this realme, ne al the worlde besydes, should or could receaue moze cōfort, then his maiestie should & would. Yet if such chaunce should happen, his maiestie at our humble desires, is pleased and contented, not alonly to accept and take vpon him the cure and charge of the education, rule, order and gouernment of such issues, as of this most happy mariage shalbe borne betwene the queenes highnes and him: but also durynge the tyme of such gouernment, would by all wayes and meanes study, trauayle, and employ him self to aduaunce the weale, both publike and priuate, of this realme, and dominions thereunto belonging, according to the sayde truste in his
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maiestie reposed, with no lesse good wyll and affection, then yf his hyghnes had bene naturally borne among vs.

In consyderation whereof, by it enacted by the kyng and the queenes moste excellent maiesties, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by thauthoritie of the same, that yf it shall so please God to call the queenes maiestie out of this present lyfe, whiche God forbyd, before the issue of her bodye inheritable to the Crowne of this realme, yf it be male, shall accompythe the age of .xviii. yerres, or yf it be female, before it shalbe of the age of .xv. yerres, and not married after the age of consent, and before the said age of .xv. yerres: That then and immediately after, and from the deceasse of our sayde soueraigne Ladye the queene the kings maiestie that nowe is, shal haue the rule, order, education and gouernment of the person of such issue or issues, and the rule, order, & gouernment (vnder such issue or issues) of this realme, and the dominions of the same belongyng, vntyll the same issue or issues, inheritable to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, yf it be male, shall accompythe the full age of eyghtene yerres, and yf it be female, vntyll suche issue female shall accompythe the age of fyfteene yerres, and be married after the age of consent, and before the sayd age of fyfteene yerres, yf the sayd issue or issues, and our sayde soueraigne Lorde the kyng, shall so long lyue together, and that durynge and by all the tyme of such gouernment, all and euery the actes, couenauntes, articles, and agreementes, mentioned and comprised in the treaties and acte of parliament, and euerye of them made, and concluded, for and concernyng the honorable mariage, had and consummate betweene the kyng and queenes Maiesties, whiche on the behalfe of his maiestie ben to be obserued, perfourmed and kepte, shall after the deceasse of the queenes Maiestie, durynge the tyme of the sayd gouernment, remayne, continue, and be in as good and ful force, strength, and effecte, to all intentes, and purposes, as they were at any tyme during the sayde maryage, or nowe ben, as yf they were newly by apte wordes, termes, and sentences, inserted and rehearsed in this present acte, and newly made and enacted to stande, remayne, continue, and to be obserued and kepte, durynge the tyme of the said gouernment, and shalbe by his Maiestie, durynge the sayde tyme, enuiolablye obserued, perfourmed, maintayned, and vpholden, in suche sorte, and in as full, large, and ample maner, to all respectes, as they shoulde and ought to be, durynge the tyme of the sayde maryage, or after: and his highnesse, and the queenes most excellent Maiestie, are pleased and contented, that it be enacted by this present parliament, that nothing shalbe done, permitted, or assented vnto by his maiestie to the contrary.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person

person or persons, during the tyme that our sayde soueraigne lord the kyng that nowe is, shall, and ought to haue the order, rule, education, and gouernment of such issue or issues, being kyng or queene of this realme, accordyng to the order and prouision aforesayd, maliciously, aduisedly, and directly, by wytyng, pryncing, ouert deede or acte, do compasse, attempte and go about to destroye the person or our sayd soueraigne lord, or to depyue or remoue his sayd highnes from the order, rule, education, and gouernment of the same issue or issues, being kyng or queene of this realme, contrary to the tenour, entent, and true meanyng of this present Acte: that then every suche person or persons so offendyng, theyr procurers and abettours, being therof lawfully conuict or attaynted by the lawes of this realm, shall be deemed and adiudged byghe Traytours: and that all and every suche offence and offences, shall be deemed and adiudged highe treason. And the offendour and offendours therein, theyr procurers, counsaillours, and abettours, shall incurre the daungers, forfeitures, and penalties of high treason.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that all trials hereafter to be had, awarded, or made, for any treason, shall be had, and bled onely, accordyng to the due order & course of the common lawes of this realme, and not otherwys: Sauing to every person and persons, bodies politike and corporate, theyr heyres and successours, other then the offendours, and theyr heyres and such person and persons as clayme to anye of theyr bles all suche rightes, titles, interregies, possessions, leasies, rentes, reuertions, offices, and other profites, whiche they or any of them shall haue at the day of the committing such treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as yf this acte had neuer ben had or made.

Provided alwayes, and be it declared and enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that concelement, or keeping secrete of any highe treason, be deemed and taken only misprision of treason, & the offenders therein to forfeit, and suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason hath heretofore ben bled: any thyng aboue mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that yf it shall fortune hereafter any of the peeres of this realme to be indicted of any of the offences made treason or misprision of treason, by this acte, that then the same peeres or peere, so being indicted, shall be put to answer vnto every such indictment, before the high Stewarde of Englande for the tyme being, and to haue his and their tryall by his and theyr peeres, and to receaue and haue suche like iudgment vpon the same tryall of his or their peeres, or makyng open confession of the same offence, or offences, as is bled in other cases of high treason.

And it is further enacted by authoritie aforesayde, that no person

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son or persons shall in any wyse be impeached for any of the offences abovesayd, committed only by open preaching or wordes, vnlesse the offender or offenders be therfore indicted within sixe monethes next after the same open preaching or wordes: any thing conteined in this acte to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that vpon the arraignment of any person, which hereafter shall fortune to be arraigned for any treason mentioned in this acte, all and euery such person & persons, or two of them at the least, as shall hereafter wyte, declare, confesse, or depose any thing or thinges agaynst the person to be arraigned, shall, yf they be then liuing, & within the realme, be brought forth in person before the partie arraigned, yf he require the same, and obiecte, and saye openly, in his hearing, what they or any of them can agaynst him, for, or concerning any the treasons conteyned in the indictment whereupon the partie shall be so arraigned, vnlesse the partie arraigned for any suche treason, shall willingly confesse the same at the time of his or their arraignment.

Provided neuertheles, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayd, that in all cases of high treason, concerning coyne curraunt within this realme, or for counterfeyting the kyng or queenes signet, priuie seale, great seale, or signe manuell, such maner of tryall, and none other, be obserued and kept as heretofore hath been vsed by the common lawes of this realme: anye lawe, statute, or anye other thing or thinges to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Provided alwayes, that the counsellours, procurers, comforters, and abbettours, for his or their first offence, shall suffer like punishment, penaltie, and forfeiture, as is conteined in this acte agaynst the principall offendours for their first offence, and none other. And that the counsellours, procurers, comforters, and abbettours, for his or theys seconde offence, shall susteyne like punishment, penaltie, & forfeiture, as is conteined in this acte agaynst the principall offendour, or offendours for their second offence, and none other.

An Acte for the punishment of bringing in of counterfeyte coyne of forraine Realmes, beyng curraunt within this Realme.

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Here diuers and sundrye coynes of golde and syluer of other realmes, not being of the proper coine of this realme of England, and yet by the sufferance & consent of the kyng and queene our soueraigne Lorde and Lady, be curraunt in payment within this realme: many yll disposed persons for theyr owne corrupte lucre

lucre and aduantage, haue nowe of late brought into this realme, from the parties of beyonde the sea, great quantitie of forged and counterfeyte money, like to the sayde coyne of other forreyn realmes, and haue vttered the same here by marchaundising and other wyse, to diuers of the subiectes of this realme, to their great disceyt, hurt & damage, because the sayde ill disposed persons haue perceaued and vnderstanded, that there was not, nor yet is, anye sufficient lawe or statute made or prouided for the condigne punishment of the offendours in that behalfe.

Wherefore be it enacted and established by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any person or persons, after the twentieth daye of Januarie nexte comynge, shall bring from the parties of beyonde the sea into this realme, or into any the dominions of the same, any such false and counterfayte coyne of money, being curraunt within this realme, as is aforesaid, knowing the same coyne or money to be false and counterfayte, to the intent to vtter or make payment with the same within this realme, or any the dominions of the same, by marchaundising, or otherwise, that al and euery such person or persons, so offendynge as is aforesayde, theyr counsaylours, precursors, aydours, and abbettours in that behalfe, shalbe deemed and iudged to be offendours in hygh treason, and shall suffer, after lawefull conuiction or attaynder therof, such paynes of death, losse and forfeyture of landes, goodes, and cattelles, as other offendours shall do in cases of high treason.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, that shall at any tyme after the sayde. xx. day of January, be accused or impeched of any of the offences conteyned and prouided for in this estatute, or of any other offence or offences, concernynge the impayring, counterfayting, or forgynge of anye coyne curraunte within this realme, shall and may be endicted, arraigned, tryed, conuicted, or attaynted, by such like euidence, and in such maner and fourme as hath ben vsed & accustomed within this realme, at anye time before the fyrst yere of the raigne of our late soveraigne lord kyng Edward the sixt: any statute, custome, lawe, or vsage to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstanding.

An Acte for the impoundynge of distresses.

¶ The. xii. Chapter.



Of the auoydng of greuous vexacions, exactions, troubles, and disorder in takynge of distresses, and impoundynge of cattell, be it enacted by auctoritie of this presente Parliament, that from and after the fyrst daye of Aprill nexte comynge, no distresse of cattell shalbe dryuen

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uen out of the hundred, rape, wapentake, or lathe, where suche distres-
ses is or shalbe taken, except it be to a ponde ouert within the sayde
Shyre, not aboue thre miles distaunt from the place where the said
distresse is taken, and that no cattell, or other goodes distrayned, or
taken by waye of distresse, for any maner of cause, at one time shal
be impounded in seuerall places, wherby the owner or owners of such
distresse shalbe constrayned to sue seuerall repleuis for the deliuerie of
the sayd distresse, so taken at one time, vpon paine euery person offen-
dyng contrary to this acte, shal forfeite to the partie greeued for eue-
rye suche offences, a hundred shillings, and treble damages.

And further be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that after the
sayde fyrst day of Aprill, no person or persons shal take for keepyng in
pound, impoundyng, or pondage of anye maner distresse, aboue the
summe of .iiii. pence for any one whole distresse, that shalbe so impos-
ded, and where lesse hath ben vled, there to take lesse, vppon the paine
of fyue pound to be payd to the partie greeued, ouer and besides suche
money as he shal take aboue the summe of foure pence: any vblage or
prescription to the contrary, in any wyse not withstandyng.

And for the more spedier deliury of cattell taken by way of di-
stresse, it is further enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that euery She-
riffe of Shyres, beyng no cities nor townes made Shyres, shal at his
first countie day, or within two monethes nexte after he hath recea-
ued his patent of his office of Sherifwike, shal depute, appoynt, & pro-
clayme in the Shyre towne within his bailwike, foure deputies at
the least, dwelling not aboue twelue miles one distant from another,
whiche sayde deputies so appoynted and proclaymed, shal haue auc-
thoritie in the sheriffes name to make repleuis and deliuerance of
such distresses, in such maner and forme as the sheriffe may or ought
to do, vpon payne that euery Sheriffe, for euery moneth that he shal
lacke suche deputie or deputies, shal forfeite for euery suche offence
fyue poundes, the one halfe of which forfeitures shalbe to the kyng
and queenes highnes, her heyres, and successours, the other halfe to
hym that wyl sue for the same by byl, playnt, information, or action
of debt, in any the kyng and queenes courtes of recorde, in whiche no
essoigne, protection, nor wager of lawe shalbe admitted.

An Acte appoynting an order to Iustices of peace touching
the baylment of prisoners

¶ The .xiii. Chapter,

where



Here in the parliament holdē at westminster, in the third
 yere of the raigne of the noble prynce kyng Henrie the se-
 uenth, it was among other thynges ordeyned and enac-
 ted, that no prysoner arrested for felonie, shoulde be letten
 to bayle or maynepryse by any one Justice of peace, but by
 the whole Justices, or at least by two of them, whereof one to be of the
 Quorum: since the makynge of whiche estatute, one Justice of peace in
 the name of him selfe, and one other of the Justices his companion,
 not makynge the sayde Justice partie, nor priue vnto the cause where-
 fore the prysoner shoulde be bayled, hath oftentymes by sinister labour
 and meanes, set at large the greatest and notablest offenders, suche as
 be not repleuissable by the lawes of this realme, and yet the rather
 to hyde their affections in that behalfe, haue signified the cause of
 their apprehension to be but only for suspicion of felonie, wherby the
 sayde offendours haue escaped unpunished, and doo dayly, to the hygh
 displeasure of almighty God, the great peryl of the kyng and queenes
 true subiectes, and encouragement of all theeuers and euill doers.
 For reformation whereof, be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng and
 queenes maiesties, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the com-
 mons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the
 same, that from and after the fyrste day of Apryll next comynge, no
 Justice or Justices of peace, shall let to bayle or maynepryse any suche
 person or persons, whiche for any offence or offences by them or any of
 them, committed, be declared not to be repleuished or bayled, or be
 forbydden to be repleued or bayled by the estatute of westminster pry-
 mer, made in the parliament holden in the thyrde yere of the raigne of
 kyng Edward the fyrste. And furthermore, that anye person or
 personnes arrested for manslaughter or felonie, or suspicion of
 manslaughter or felonie, beyng bayleable by the lawe, shall not after
 the sayde fyrste day of Apryll be let to bayle or maynepryse by any Ju-
 stices of peace, yf it be not in open Sessions, except it be by two Justi-
 ces of peace at the least, whereof one to be of the Quorum, and the same
 Justices to be present togeather at the tyme of the sayde baylement or
 maynepryse, which baylement or maynepryse they shal certifie in wri-
 tyng subscribed or signed with their owne handes, at the next gene-
 ral Gaole deliuerie, to be holden within the Countie where the sayde
 person or persons shalbe arrested or suspected: And that the sayd Justi-
 ces, or one of them, beyng of the Quorum, when any suche prysoner is
 brought before them, for any manslaughter or felonie, before any bail-
 ment or maynepryse, shall take the examination of the sayde prysoner,
 and information of them that bryng hym, of the facts and circum-
 stances thereof, and the same, or as muche thereof as shalbe materi-
 all to prouue the felonie, shall put in wrytynge, before they make the
 same baylement, whiche sayde examination togeather with the sayde
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baylement, the sayde Justices shall certifie at the next general gaole deliuerie to be holden within the limittes of their commission, and that euery Coroner, upon any inquisition before him founde, where, by any person or persons shalbe indicted for murder, or manslaughter, or as accessory, or accessaries to the same, before the murder or manslaughter committed, shall put in writing the effect of the evidence geuen to the Iurie before him, being materiall: and as well the sayde Justices as the sayde Coroner, shall haue auctoritie by this Acte, to bind all such by recognisance, or obligation, as do declare any thing materiall, to proue the saide murder or manslaughter, offences, or felonies, or to be accessarie, or accessaries to the same, as is aforesayde, to appeare at the next generall gaole deliuerie to be holden within the countie, citie, or towne corporate, where the tryal thereof shalbe, then and there to geue evidence against the partie so indicted at the tyme of his tryall, and shall certifie as well the same evidence, as suche bonde and bondes in writing, as he shal take, together with the inquisition or indictment before him taken and found, at, or before the time of his sayd tryall thereof to be had or made: And lyke wyle the sayde Justices shall certifie all and euery suche bonde taken before them, in lyke manner as before is sayde of baylementes & examination. And in case any Justice of peace, of Quorum, or Coroner, shal after the sayde fyrste day of April, offend in any thing contrary to the true intent and meaning of this present acte: that then the Justices of gaole deliuerie of the shyre, citie, towne, or place where such offence shall happen to be committed, upon due prooue thereof by examination before them, shal for euery such offence, let suche fyne on euery of the same Justices of peace and Coroner, as the same Justices of gaole deliuerie shal thynke mete, and estreate the same, as other fynes and amerciements assessed before Justices of gaole deliuerie ought to be.

Provided alwayes, & be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that Justices of peace and Coroners within the citie of London, and the countie of Middlesex, & in other cities, boroughes, and Townes corporate within this realme and Wales, shall within their severall iurisdiccions, haue auctoritie to let to bayle fellows & prisoners, in suche manner and fourme as they haue ben heretofore accustomed: this acte, or any thyng therein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding. And also shal take examinations and bondes, as is aforesayde, upon euery baylment by them, or any of them to be made, and shal certifie euery such baylements, bondes, & examinations, by them, or any of them taken or made, at the next gaole deliuerie to be holden within the shire, citie, borough, or towne, where their severall iurisdiccions extendeth, upon lyke payne and forfeyture as is before limited in this present acte.

And be it also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no wryters
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of Habeas corpus, or Certiorari, shalbe hereafter graunted, to remoue any prisoner out of any gaole, to remoue any recognisance, except the same writtes be signed with the proper handes of the cheefe Justice, or in his absence, one of the Justices of the court, out of whiche the same writtes shalbe awarded, or made, upon payne that he that writteth any such writtes, not beyng signed as is aforesayde, to forseyte to our sayd soueraigne Lord the Kyng and the Queene, for euery suche writte and writtes, siue poundes.

An Acte for the makynge of Russell sattens reuerfes,
and fustian of Naples, in Norwiche.

The. xiiii. Chapter.



Here of late yeres passed, russels, called russels sattens, and sattens reuerfes, haue ben practised to be made beyonde the seas, of the wools bred in the countie of Norfolk, and by reason thereof, so great quantitie of the sayde russelles sattens, sattens reuerfes, haue ben brought into this Realme, sold and worne as well in euery parte of this Realme, as in the parties beyonde the seas, that thereby the mysteries of worstedes makynge and weauinge, whereby marchauntes and inhabitauntes of the citie of Norwich haue heretofore ben well mayntayned and relieved: is now at this present almost wholly decayed and brought out of estimation, and verie lytle worne, either within this realme, or in any other forrain realmes, to the great hinderaunce and decay of the sayde citie, and Citizins of the same Citie. For remedie whereof, Thomas Marsham, Maior of the citie of Norwich, John Corbet Esquier, Aulken Stewarde, Robert Leche, Robert Ruge, John Ball, and Alexander Mather, Aldermen of the sayde Citie, Thomas Whale, Thomas Deche, Raphe Marsham, Robert Henry, John Sutton, Richarde Tomson, Citizens and Marchauntes of the sayde Citie, at theyr great costes and charges, as well in bringing of certaine straungers from the parties beyonde the seas into the sayde citie, as also in making of Lombes, and al other prouision for the same, and also haue called vnto them eight persons of the most discrete and worthy men of the mysterie of worstede weauing, within the sayde citie, that is to say, John Cooke, James Lin, John Crosse, Simon Petit, John Marshal, Roger Leche, Edmund Baker, and Edmund Selers, being the number of. xxi. persons, which haue not only made Russells Sattens, and Sattens Reuerfes, and fustian of Naples within the said citie of Norwich of Norfolk wools, but also haue learned and taught other citezins and inhabitantes of the sayd citie to make the same, in such good and per-

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fect maner, that muche better Russels Sattens, Sattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, and such like, and for easier prices, be now made at this present wrought and made within the said citie, then heretofore hath bene, or now be made in any of the parties beyonde the seas, wherby the said citie, and inhabitauntes thereof, may and be in like a gayne to be relieved and brought to the olde estate, to the great aduancement of the commodities of this realme, and enriching the same, yf some good and politike lawes and ordinaunces were made for the good continuance of the true making of the sayde Russels Sattens, Sattens Reuerles, and fustian of Naples, and such lyke.

In consyderation whereof, be it enacted by the assente of the king and queenes highnes, the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons of this present Parliament assembled, & by thauthoritie of the same, that the sayd Russels sattens, & Sattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, hereafter to be made only within the sayde citie, may from henceforth beare the name, & be called by the name of Norwiche sattens, and Norwiche fustians: and that the Maior, and the afore mentioned citizing of the same citie, which before this tyme hath ben at the costes and charges of the bryngyng of the sayde straungers into the same citie, for the making of y^e sayde Russels sattens, sattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, and suche the afore mentioned eyght persons that they haue called vnto them, shalbe a felowship of the selues, and shall yerely the thirde day of february, choose of they^r felowes foure wardens within the guilde hall of the sayde citie, or anye other common and conuenient place in the same Citie: and the same wardens so beynge chosen, shall stande and be wardens of the same felowship duryng one whole yere next ensuyng the sayd election, and that the same wardens, after the sayde election, shall come before the Maior of the sayd citie for the tyme beynge, yerely the Munday next after the sayde thirde day of februarie, and before the sayde Maior shalbe sworn diligently to vie we, searche, & see al the Russels sattens, Sattens reuerles, and fustian of Naples, then made, or that shall be made within the sayde citie, duryng the sayde yere. And such of the sayde Russels sattens, Sattens reuerles, & fustian of Naples, as shal appeare and be demed by them to be lawfully, truely, & workmanly wrought, shall seale with a seale of lead, bearyng the armes of the Citie of Norwiche, wherby it may be knowen to the marchaunt or buyer of them, that the same be allowed, and truely made.

And that also it may be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayd wardens and felowshippe shalbe a bodye corporate, and to be named, and be enabled by this act, to sue, and be sued, and to geue, and to take by the name of wardens and felowshippe of the mysterie of Russels sattens, Sattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwiche making within the sayde Citie of Norwiche. And yf any default at anye tyme shalbe

shalbe found in any of the sayd Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, a fustian of Norwich, or in any of them, by the sayde wardens, that the same default shalbe reformed, and the offendour or offendours therein to be punished accordyng to such rules and ordinaunces, as hereafter from time to time shalbe made within the sayd citie, by the Maior of the sayde citie for the tyme beyng, and by the sayde foure wardens, and the felowship of the sayde occupation or mysterie, or the greatest number of the sayde felowshippe, for, and concernyng the same, and that the same defaultes from time to tyme, as occasion shal serue, shal be enquired of, and tryed, for the Maior of the sayde Citie of Norwich for the tyme beyng, by the othes of twelue honeste men of the foresayde felowshyp. And that the sayde foure wardens so chosen and sworn, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to do, execute, present, and reforme all and singuler thing and thinges, of, for, and concerning the sayde mystery, makynge, workyng and occuppyng of the sayd Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, a fustian of Norwich within the sayd citie, in such maner and forme as in or by the sayde ordinaunces shalbe expessed and declared, and that all times hereafter, and from time to tyme, it shalbe lawfull to the Maior of the saide citie for the tyme beyng, and to the forenamed felowshippe and wardens of the same mysterie, and the more part of them, & to their successours, to make and ordeine from time to time, rules, laws, and ordinaunces, meete and necessary for the good order and gouernaunces of the sayde mysterie, and for the true and wel making of the sayd Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwich, and the same ordinaunces so made, to be at al tymes obeyed by al thynhabitauntes of the sayd citie, or suburbes of the same, and to be put in due execution by the sayd Maior and wardens, and theyr successours for the time beyng, in such maner and forme as by the sayde ordinaunce shalbe ordeyned and declared. And that such as now be, & that hereafter shalbe makers of the said Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwich, & euery of them, within the said citie, shal not from henceforth occupy the said mystery & making of the said russels lattens, lattens reuerles, & fustian of Norwich, nor any of them, within the saide citie, by them selues, or by any other, before he or they, occuppyng the sayde mysterie within the sayd citie, be made free of the sayd citie, and admitted to be of the sayd felowship by the Maior of the said citie, and wardens and felowshippe of the sayd mysterie for the tyme beyng. And that no person do occuppe by him selfe or any other for hym out of the sayde citie, the sayde mystery of makynge of Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustians of Naples, or any of them, before he or they so occuppyng the same, haue been prentyce to the sayde mysterie by the terme of seven yeres, or els admitted by the sayde Maior and felowshyp, or the more part of them, vppon payne of forseynture of the same

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russels lattens, lattens reuerles, fustian of Norwiche, by them, or any of them to be made contrary to the fourme of this Act. Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Maioz and Wardens for the time being, shall not take any summe of money, or reward to their owne proper vses, for the admitting of any person or persons to occuppy the said mystery, vpon paine of forfeiture of treble the value of the reward or summe of money so by them or any of them to be taken.

Prouided also, that it shalbe lawfull to the sayde wardens, and to euery of them for the time beyng, by alwayes and meanes & at al lawfull times, diligently from time to time, to make search by due ordinary wayes, for al maner of the sayd russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwiche, that shall happen to be found by them defective, for lacke of good and true workmanship. And that it shalbe lawfull to the sayd wardens and euery of them for the time beyng, by vertue of this act, to cease and take the said russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian, and bring and present the same clothes so sealed & taken to the Maioz of the sayd citie for the time being, & vnto his successors, to the intent that twelue honest, lawfull, & expert men of the said mystery and felowshyp, beyng sworne before the sayd Maioz, may by vertue of theyr othes, make enquiry, & present the manner of the sayd defaultes before the sayd Maioz for the tyme beyng, according to such good and wholsome ordinances & rules as shalbe ordeyned and made for the conseruation and good continuance of the sayde occupation and mystery, & the true making & working of the said russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwiche. And that all & euery person and persons, that shal occuppy, vse, and exercise the said mystery of making of the said russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustians of Norwiche, or any of them, contrary to the fourme, tenor, playne meaning, and intent of this act, and of the rules & ordinances, that at any tyme hereafter by authoritie of this acte shalbe ordeyned and made for the continuance of true and perfect making of the sayde russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwiche, shal forfeite and lose for euery time so offending, or making any russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and fustian of Norwiche, contrary to the meaning, tenor, and effecte of the saide acte, rules, and ordinances concernyng the same, such fines, amerciaments, and paynes, as shalbe adiudged, assessed, and assessed by twelue expert men of the sayd felowshyp vpon their othes, the same twelue persons to be sworne before the said Maioz and wardens to enquire and make true verdict, and presentment of such defaultes, the one halfe of which forfeiture to be to the Maioz of the sayde citie for the time being, & his successors, & thother moiety to the sayde wardens for the time beyng, & theyr successors, by action of debt, bill, plaint, or informatiō, in any court of record, in which action, bill, plaint, or information,

formation, no wager of lawe, protection, inuention, or forren ple, shal be allowed. And in case it shall fortune hereafter, that any of the sayde Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and sustian of Norwich, shall lacke of such lengthes and bredthes, or of the true and ensuing, makynge or forting of the yarne, as shalbe appoynted and set forth by the sayd rules & ordinaunces, and the same to be found defectiue by verdict of twelue men of the sayd fellowship before the sayd Maior & wardens, and theyr successors: That then the sayd russels lattens, lattens reuerles, & sustians of Naples, and euery of them so found defectiue, to be cut in two peeces, and to pay such fine or fines as shalbe offred and offered by the sayde twelue experte men by vertue of their othes, the one moitie of which fine or fines to be to the Maior of the sayd citie for the time being, and to his successors, and the other moitie to the wardens of the sayd fellowship for the tyme beyng, and to their successors.

Provided alwayes and be it further euacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that yf any warden or wardens for the tyme beyng, of the sayde mysterie or occupation of makynge Russels lattens, lattens reuerles, and sustian of Naples, shall at any tyme hereafter seale, or cause to be sealed any russels lattens, lattens reuerles, or sustian of Naples, that shal not be wel, sufficient, and truely wrought, and made according to the true intent and meaning of this present act, shal forfeite & lose for euery peece so sealed, beyng not wel, sufficient, and truely wrought & made, the whole value of euery such peece so sealed, thone half of which forfeitures, to be to the kyng and queenes maiesties, her heires and successors, and thother moity thereof to be to such person and persons as shall sue for the same, by byl, action, or information, in any of the kynges courtes of record: in which byl, action, or information, no eschoigne, protection, or wager of lawe shalbe allowed.

An Acte to confirme the liberties of the lord
Marchers in VVales.

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Humbly beseeching your excellent maiesties, your true and faythfull subiectes, the lordes Marchers both spirituall and tempozall, within your hyghnesse dominion of Wales, that where as in the parliament holden at Westm. the. xxvii. yere of the raigne of kyng Henry the eyght, farther vnto you our naturall Soueraigne lady, amongst other thynges one acte was made and established for lawes an iustice to be ministred in the sayd dominion of Wales, in lyke fourme as it is in this realme of Englande, in the which act one article is, that for that the lordes Marchers before the parliament, had vsed to put theyr tenants

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tes within the lordshippes Marchers vnder common maineprice and suertie of apparaunce, and haue had the forfeitures thereof, which for euer from and after the feast of all saintes, then next ensuyng the sayd parliament, shoulde vtterly cease, and be determined. It was enacted that after the sayde feast of all saintes, euery lay and temporall person then beyng a lord Marcher, shoulde haue the moitie or halfe of euery forfeiture of all and euery common maineprice, recognisance for peace or apparaunce, forfeited by any of theyr tenautes inhabityng within any of theyr lordshippes marchers, and they to be payd the same moitie or halfe by the handes of the Sheriffe of euery of the counties where such forfeiture shalbe, yf the Sheriffe can leuy the same, & the same Sheriffe to accompt to our sayde late soueraigne lord the kynge for the other halfe or moitie, in such exchequer as they can be accomptant. And further it was enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery lay and temporall person or persons, then beyng lords marchers, and hauing any lordships marchers, or lordships royal, shoulde from and after the sayde feast of all saintes, haue all suche mysles and profites of theyr tenautes, as they haue had or vsed to haue at the first entry into theyr landes in tymes past: and also shoulde haue, hold, and kepe, within the precincte of theyr lordshippes, courtes Baron, courtes lete, and lawdayes, and al and euery thing to the said courtes belonging, and also shoulde haue within the precinct of theyr said lordships or lawday, waif, straif, infangthefe, outfangthefe, treasure trovie, deodandes, goodes and cattels of fellons, and of persons condemned or outlawed of felony or murther, put in exigent for felonye or murther, and also weeke deemer, warfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in tyme past, as though such priuileges, graunted vnto them by poynt of charter, anything in that acte to the contrary notwithstanding, as in the sayde acte of parliament moze at large it may appeare.

And forasmuch as byshops, and other ecclesiasticall persons, beyng lordes marchers, hauing the like liberties, casualties, profites, and commodities within theyr lordships marchers, and lordshippes royall, within the said dominion or principallitie of Wales, were not prouided by the expresse letter of the sayde statute, in lyke sorte as the laye and temporall lordes marchers were, but rather of purpose as it shoulde seme forgotten and left out of the said acte, agaynst al reason and good equitie. And forasmuch also as the heyres and successours of the laye and temporall lordes marchers then beyng, were not prouided for by the limitation and expresse wordes of the sayde acte, as well as theyr auncesters & predecessers were, as reason would they should haue ben:

It may please your maiesties, of your most gracious fauour and benignitie, at the humble suite and supplication of your sayd faythful subiectes, the lordes marchers that now are, in the sayd dominion of
Wales,

Wales, both spirituall & temporall, to graunt that it may by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, be ordeyned, established, and enacted, by thauthoritie of this present parliament, that aswell your sayd spirituall, & ecclesiastical subiectes, lordes marchers, nowe hauing lordshippes marchers, or lordshippes royal in Wales aforesaid, and theyr succellours, and the succellours of euery of them: as also the heyres & succellours of the lordes temporall marchers that then were, or nowe be, and the heyres or succellours of euery of them beyng, or which hereafter shall be lordes marchers within theyr lordshippes marchers, and lordships royall in the dominion or principalltie of Wales, shall haue and enioy to them, and to theyr heires & succellours, respectiuelly and seuerally for euer, the moity & halfe of euery forfeiture, of al & euery common mainprise, recognisance for the peace, or apparaunce, forfeited by any theyr tenants inhabiting within any of theyr lordshippes marchers, or lordships royal, and they to be payd the same moity or half, by the handes of the sheryffe of the county, for the time being, after such fourme and sort as the sayde lay or temporall lordes marchers haue ben or ought to haue ben payd the same, by force of the sayde Statute.

And further, shall haue all such mises, & profites of their tenants, as the lordes marchers, spirituall or temporall, respectiuelly or seuerally had or bled to haue at theyr first entry into their landes in tymes past before the making of the sayd acte or statute. And also shall haue, hold, and kepe within the precinct of their said lordships, al such courtes baron, courtes lete, and lawdaies, and all and euery thing and thynges to the same courtes belongyng: and also shall haue within the precinct of theyr sayd seuerall lordships, or lawdaies, all such wayf, straif, in-fangthese, outfangthese, treasure troues, deodandes, goodes, and catrels of fellons, and of persons condempned, or outlawed of felony or murther, put in exigent for felony or murther, & also al such wreche de mere, warfage, and customes of straungers, as the lordes marchers spirituall and temporall, respectiuelly, and seuerally had and bled in tymes past, before the making of the sayde statute.

An Acte for the continuaunce of certaine Statutes.

The. xvi. Chapter.



Here in the parliament begun & holden at London the iii. day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the raigne of our most dread soueraigne lord of most famous memory, king Henry thevght, and from thence adiourned to the xxiij. and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations vnto the dissolution thereof, one acte was made and established for the restraine of cariage, and conueying of horses and mares out of this realme,

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realme, and also one acte was there made for the true wyndyng of wols, and one other act was there made to restrayne killing of wayn- linges, bullocks, stieres, & heifers, being vnder thage of. ii. yeres, which sayd seuerall actes were then made to endure and continue to the next parliament, as by the sayd seuerall actes more playnly appeareth: and where also in the said parliamēt, one other act was made & established for attaintes to be sued for the punishment of perjury, vpon vntrue berdites, which actes last befoze reherfed, were then made & ordeyned to continue and endure to the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte more playnly at large is shewed and may appeare: and where also in the parliament begon and holden at West. the. viii. day of June in the. xxviii. yere of the raigne of our sayde most dread soue- raigne lord kyng Henry the. viii. and there continued and kept vnto the dissolution therof, it was ordeined and enacted, that all and singu- lar the sayde actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, should conti- nue and endure in theyr force and strength, and also be obserued and kept, vntyl the last day of the next parliament, as by the same acte a- monges other thynges therein conteined more plainly appeareth: and where also in the parliament begon and holden at West. the. xxviii. day of Aprill, in the. xxxi. yere of the raigne of our sayd late most dread soueraigne lord kyng Henry theight, and there continued vntyll the xxviii. day of June then next folowynge, it was ordeined and enacted by thauthozitie of the same parliament, that all and singular the said seuerall actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteined, should continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept, vntyll the last day of the next parliament, as by the same act amonges other thynges therein conteined, more playnly appeareth: And where in the parliament holden at Westm. in the. xxxv. yere of the raigne of our sayd late soueraigne lord kyng Henry the eyght, one act was made for the preservation of woods, to endure for. vii. yeres then next folowynge, and from thence to the end of the next parliament, as by the same act more playnly doth and may appeare: and where also at the parliament holden at Westm. in the. xxxvii. yere of the raigne of the sayde kyng Henry theight, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof, it was ordeined and enacted, that al and singu- lar the sayd actes aboue mentioned, and euery of them, except the sayd acte made for the preservation of woods, as is aforesayd, should conti- nue and endure in theyr force & strength, and also to be obserued and kept vntyll the last day of the next parliament then folowynge, as by the same act amonges other things therein conteined more plainly ap- pereth: and where also at the session of the parliament ended at West. in the. xiiii. day of March, in the third yere of the raigne of our soue- raigne lord kyng Edward the sixt, one acte was made of the true cur- ryng of leather, which act was made to endure to the end of the next parliament

parliament, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also at the session of a parliament ended at Westminster the fyrst day of februarie, in the fourth yere of the raigne of our sayd late soueraigne lord kyng Edward the vi. one act was then & there made, concernyng the buying of rother beastes : and also one other acte was then and there made, touching the buying and selling of butter & cheese, which said seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and continue to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it doeth & may appeare. And where also at the session of a parliament by prorogation holden at Westminster, the. xliii. day of Januarie, in the v. yere of the raigne of our said soueraigne lord, one other act was then and there made agaynst regratours & focestallers, to endure to the end of the next parliament, which al & singuler the sayde actes aboue mentioned, togeather with the sayd act concerning the preservation of woodes, at a parliament holden at Westminster the fyrst day of Marche in the. vii. yere of the raigne of our sayd soueraigne lord kyng Edward the vi. and there continued & dissolved the last day of the same moneth of Marche, and all clauses, articles, and provisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiewed & continued to stand in their force and strength vntyll the last day of the nexte parliament : And where also at the session of a parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster, the. xliii. day of October, in the fyrst yere of the raigne of our most gracious soueraigne lady the queene, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof, one acte was there made and established, agaynst vnlawful and rebellious assemblies, to endure to the ende of the next parliament, as by the same act more playnly doth and may appeare : And where also at the same session of parliament last before mentioned, al and singuler the actes aboue mentioned, and before that tyme continued at sundry parlamentes, as is aforesayde, & all clauses, articles, and provisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiewed & continued to stande in their force & strength vnto the last day of the next parliament. For as muche as all and singuler the sayde seuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficial for the common wealth of this realme : Be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the kyng and queene our soueraigne lord and ladye, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all and singuler the seueral actes and estatutes aboue mentioned and rehearsed, and euery of them, and al clauses, articles, and provisions in them and euery of them conteyned, shalbe reuiewed, continued, stande, and endure in their force and strength, to al intents, constructions, and purposes, and shalbe obserued and kept in all thynges, vntyl the last day of the next parliament.

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An acte touchyng leases hereafter to be made
by certayne spiritual persons.

The. ¹⁷xviii. Chapter.



Here in the Parliament begunne and holden at West-
minster the. viii. day of June, in the. xxviii. yere of the
raigne of our late kyng of famous memorie, kyng Hen-
rie the. viii. and there continued and kept untill the dis-
solution of the same parliament. the. xviii. day of June
next folowynge, one acte entituled, An acte for restitu-
tion of the fyyst frutes in the tyme of vacation to the next incumbent,
was had and made, wherein are certayne clauses for leases the made,
and to be made by spirituall and ecclesiasticall persons, to endure and
be in force for terme of fyve yeres, if the incumbentes dyd resigne their
sayde spirituall promotions, or yf the same shoulde otherwyle become
voyde by the onely act of the same the incumbentes, as by the same act
more at large may appeare. To the intent the persons and vicars, and
other hauyng cure of soules, may the better attende, and be the more
bigilant in their ministerie and function: Be it enacted by the kyng
our soueraigne lord, and by the queene our soueraigne ladie, with
the assentes of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons
in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same,
that as muche of the same acte as doeth concerne the makynge good of
the sayd leases, ne any clause, sentence, prouision, or article therein con-
teyned, shal extende, or be construed or adiudged to extend to any lease
that shalbe made by any Parson, Vicar, or any other hauyng any spi-
rituall promotion, after the feast of the Purification of our ladie next
commynge.

¶ Excusum Londini in Ædibus Iohannis
Cawooddi, Typographi Regiæ
Maiestatis.

Anno Dom. 1555.

